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CURRENT TRENDS IN WHOLESALE TRADE

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics some time ago began the collection of monthly data on current trends in wholesale trade. Through the co-operation of some two hundred large wholesale houses operating in nine lines of trade, monthly data have been secured from September, 1934. For some years the Bureau has published monthly data for sales of chain and department stores. This series will provide somewhat similar monthly data for wholesale trade.

Sales of the wholesale houses which are furnishing the monthly reports constitute generally between 40 and 50 per cent of the business of all wholesale firms in the same trades.

Kinds of business included in this monthly survey represent staple lines of wholesale trade. For those who wish to relate the monthly figures to the annual reports on wholesale trade, the following definitions are given:-

Automotive trade includes automotive equipment and automotive parts.

Drug trade includes drugs and drug sundries.

Clothing trade includes clothing and furnishings.

Footwear trade includes shoes and other footwear.

Dry Goods trade includes dry goods and piece goods.

Fruits and Vegetables trade includes fruits and vegetables (fresh).

Groceries trade includes groceries (general line).

Hardware trade includes hardware (general and specialty).

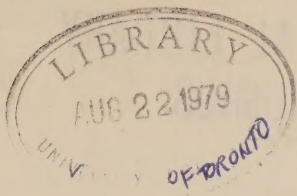
Tobacco and Confectionery trade includes cigars, cigarettes and tobacco and tobacco and confectionery trade.

Monthly reports on wholesale trade are secured from regular wholesale houses and are compiled according to kinds of business. While many wholesale houses restrict their trade to a few commodity lines, others, particularly in the hardware field, handle many commodities. Some wholesale automotive dealers also act as distributors for radios. The statistics for wholesale trades cannot, therefore, be taken as entirely indicative of sales by commodities.

Changes in Value of Sales During 1935

Preliminary totals for the year show an increase of 5.3 per cent in the combined sales of all firms reporting compared with the sales of the same firms in 1934. The gains by kinds of business ranged from 2.0 per cent for dry goods to 8.0 per cent for footwear.

Combined sales of all firms by provinces show that sales in the Maritime Provinces were maintained at the level of the preceding year. The remaining divisions showed gains ranging from 3.8 per cent for firms in Ontario to 8.6 per cent for those in British Columbia.



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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Sales
Pourcentage des changements dans les ventes au gros

| | Percentage change, 1935 compared with 1934 Pourcentage du changement, 1935 comparé à 1934 | | |
|---|--|---|---|
| | November 1935 ⁽¹⁾ Novembre 1934 | December 1935 ⁽²⁾ Decembre 1934 | Year 1935 année ⁽²⁾ Year 1934 année |
| Automotive Equipment -- Equipement automoteur | + 6.6 | -13.6 | + 6.2 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | +20.4 | + 7.9 | - 7.7 |
| Ontario | + 1.1 | - 6.6 | + 2.8 |
| Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest . | + 6.5 | -22.2 | +12.0 |
| Drugs -- Drogues | + 4.6 | +11.5 | + 6.4 |
| Eastern Provinces.--de l'Est ... | + 5.8 | +13.6 | + 7.2 |
| Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest . | + 1.2 | + 6.4 | + 4.6 |
| Clothing -- Vêtement | +10.1 | +23.1 | + 4.8 |
| Quebec | - 0.6 | +29.2 | + 4.1 |
| Ontario and Western Provinces.-- de l'Ouest | +24.7 | +15.5 | + 5.5 |
| Footwear -- Chaussures | +16.5 | +38.2 | + 8.0 |
| Quebec | +21.8 | +53.8 | + 8.2 |
| Ontario | + 4.0 | + 4.6 | + 7.6 |
| Dry Goods -- Marchandises sèches . | + 2.5 | + 7.3 | + 2.0 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 4.0 | +14.6 | + 5.0 |
| Ontario | - 1.2 | + 4.1 | - 1.1 |
| Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest . | + 5.4 | - 2.7 | + 1.4 |
| Fruits and Vegetables -- Fruits et légumes | + 4.5 | + 5.4 | + 5.8 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 4.4 | +23.1 | +12.4 |
| Ontario | - 1.3 | + 5.0 | + 3.4 |
| Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest . | + 8.6 | + 1.7 | + 5.9 |
| Groceries -- Epiceries | + 8.6 | +10.9 | + 5.2 |
| Maritimes | +18.0 | +10.2 | + 0.4 |
| Quebec | + 3.4 | +18.0 | + 1.1 |
| Ontario | + 5.1 | + 8.2 | + 3.6 |
| Prairies | + 8.8 | +13.3 | + 8.6 |
| British Columbia | +18.4 | + 5.0 | + 7.3 |
| Hardware -- Quincaillerie | + 6.8 | + 8.5 | + 7.0 |
| Maritimes | -13.5 | - 0.8 | - 3.5 |
| Quebec | + 8.7 | +10.2 | + 5.7 |
| Ontario | + 6.8 | +11.8 | + 7.6 |
| Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest . | + 9.1 | + 8.0 | + 9.0 |
| Tobacco and Confectionery -- Tabacs et confiseries | + 5.5 | +12.5 | + 6.7 |
| Quebec | + 6.5 | +14.0 | + 6.7 |
| Ontario | + 8.1 | +18.3 | +12.4 |
| Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest . | + 2.1 | + 7.0 | + 2.9 |
| Wholesale Trade -- Commerce de gros -- | | | |
| Maritimes | + 7.9 | + 5.8 | + 0.4 |
| Quebec | + 5.5 | +20.2 | + 4.7 |
| Ontario | + 4.0 | + 7.8 | + 3.8 |
| Prairies | + 5.7 | + 6.0 | + 6.8 |
| British Columbia | +19.9 | + 7.7 | + 8.6 |
| CANADA | + 6.9 | + 9.7 | + 5.3 |

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CURRENT TRENDS IN WHOLESALE TRADE, JANUARY, 1936

The dollar value of wholesale trade in Canada for January, 1936, showed an increase of 4.2 per cent over the corresponding period in 1935, according to monthly returns secured from some 200 regular wholesale houses operating in nine different lines of business.

Of the nine kind-of-business groups for which figures are available, increases in trade for January, 1936, over January, 1935, are recorded for eight, while a decrease is reported for one. The various groups, arranged in descending order of percentage increases, together with the increases, are as follow: Automotive, +17.4 per cent; Clothing, +13.9 per cent; Groceries, +5.5 per cent; Drugs, +5.3 per cent; Hardware, +4.3 per cent; Footwear, +1.3 per cent; Tobacco and confectionery, +1.3 per cent; Fruits and vegetables, +0.9 per cent. A decrease of 3.3 per cent below the 1935 figure is reported for the dry goods group.

Combined sales of all firms by provinces or economic divisions for January, 1936, show the following percentage changes when compared with the same month last year: British Columbia, +18.9 per cent; Prairie Provinces, +5.3 per cent; Quebec, +5.1 per cent; Maritime Provinces, +4.5 per cent, and Ontario, -1.8 per cent.

Value of inventory as on January 31, 1936, was 6.9 per cent higher than on the corresponding date of the preceding year. The percentage changes in inventory value ranged from an increase of 22.8 per cent in the case of the Groceries group to a decrease of 2.7 per cent in the Tobacco and Confectionery group.

For the purposes of these monthly bulletins the various reporting firms are classified according to kind of business. While many wholesale houses restrict their trade to a few commodity lines, others, particularly in the hardware field, handle many commodities. Some wholesale automotive dealers also act as distributors for radios. The statistics for wholesale trades cannot, therefore, be taken as entirely indicative of sales by commodities.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Sales

Pourcentage des changements dans les ventes au gros

| | Percentage change, 1936 compared with 1935 Pourcentage du changement, 1936 comparé à 1935 | | | |
|---|--|------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | Sales -- Ventes | | | Inventory |
| | (1) | (1) | (2) | Inventaire |
| | December 1935 Decembre 1934 | Year 1935 année Year 1934 année | January 1936 Janvier 1936 | January 1936 Janvier 1935 |
| Automotive Equipment -- Equipement automoteur | -14.1 | + 5.6 | +17.4 | - 0.2 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | (X) | (X) | (X) | |
| Ontario | - 9.9 | + 2.0 | + 9.2 | |
| Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest .. | -21.1 | +11.7 | +29.4 | |
| Drugs -- Drogues | +11.3 | + 6.7 | + 5.3 | + 8.2 |
| Eastern Provinces.--de l'Est | +13.1 | + 7.5 | + 4.4 | |
| Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest .. | + 6.4 | + 4.6 | + 7.5 | |
| Clothing -- Vêtement | +20.0 | + 4.0 | +13.9 | + 2.9 |
| Quebec | +29.0 | + 4.1 | +29.7 | |
| Ontario and Western Provinces.-- de l'Ouest | +10.6 | + 3.9 | - 2.2 | |
| Footwear -- Chaussures | +36.5 | + 8.0 | + 1.3 | +21.7 |
| Quebec | +53.8 | + 8.2 | +21.0 | |
| Ontario | - 1.0 | + 7.6 | -30.7 | |
| Dry Goods -- Marchandises sèches .. | + 5.8 | + 1.8 | - 3.3 | - 2.1 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | +12.6 | + 4.9 | + 7.7 | |
| Ontario | + 4.0 | - 1.1 | - 8.7 | |
| Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest .. | - 4.1 | + 0.7 | - 9.0 | |
| Fruits and Vegetables -- Fruits et légumes | + 4.0 | + 5.7 | + 0.9 | +16.5 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 8.2 | + 8.0 | - 2.5 | |
| Ontario | + 4.8 | + 4.1 | + 2.0 | |
| Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest .. | + 1.7 | + 5.9 | + 1.6 | |
| Groceries -- Epiceries | +11.0 | + 5.1 | + 5.5 | +22.8 |
| Maritimes | +14.8 | + 4.4 | + 7.9 | |
| Quebec | +18.0 | + 1.1 | + 1.3 | |
| Ontario | + 8.2 | + 3.6 | - 3.4 | |
| Prairies | +12.9 | + 7.5 | +10.1 | |
| British Columbia | + 4.6 | + 7.3 | +19.4 | |
| Hardware -- Quincaillerie | + 7.3 | + 6.9 | + 5.3 | - 1.1 |
| Maritimes | - 0.8 | - 3.5 | -11.1 | |
| Quebec | +10.2 | + 7.4 | +20.3 | |
| Ontario | +11.8 | + 7.6 | + 0.9 | |
| Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest .. | + 6.0 | + 8.0 | (X) | |
| Tobacco and Confectionery -- Tabacs et confiseries | +10.3 | + 6.1 | + 1.3 | - 2.7 |
| Quebec | +14.0 | + 6.7 | - 2.7 | |
| Ontario | +10.8 | + 8.8 | + 4.5 | |
| Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest .. | + 5.9 | + 2.6 | + 3.3 | |
| Wholesale Trade -- Commerce de gros -- | | | | |
| Maritimes | + 9.9 | + 2.9 | + 4.5 | |
| Quebec | +17.6 | + 4.9 | + 5.1 | |
| Ontario | + 7.1 | + 3.9 | - 1.8 | |
| Prairies | + 3.4 | + 6.2 | + 5.3 | |
| British Columbia | + 7.0 | + 8.4 | +18.9 | |
| CANADA | + 8.8 | + 5.3 | + 4.2 | + 6.9 |

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CURRENT TRENDS IN WHOLESALE TRADE, FEBRUARY, 1936

Wholesale trade in Canada was 3.9 per cent higher in value in February, 1936, than in the corresponding month in 1935, according to a report issued by the Bureau of Statistics and based upon monthly returns secured from some 200 regular wholesale houses operating in nine different lines of trade. In comparison with the increase of 3.9 per cent in the value of wholesale trade, retail sales were 6.8 per cent higher in February, as compared with a year ago, increases in both cases being largely due to the extra business day this year.

Percentage increases in combined sales for all wholesale trade were recorded for all economic divisions of the country. In British Columbia the increase was 16.6 per cent; in the Maritime Provinces, 9.9 per cent; in Quebec, 3.5 per cent; in Ontario, 2.6 per cent; and in the Prairie Provinces, 1.5 per cent.

Wholesale trade in grocery products was 8.0 per cent higher in value in February, 1936, as compared with last year; tobacco and confectionery increased by 6.3 per cent, footwear by 4.9 per cent and drugs by 3.6 per cent. Dealers in fruits and vegetables reported a decline of 4.2 per cent, while minor changes were recorded for each of the other groups for which figures are shown in the attached table.

Value of inventory as on February 29, 1936, was 3.4 per cent higher than at the end of February, 1935. Percentage changes in inventory value ranged from an increase of 13.7 per cent in the case of the Groceries group to a decrease of 4.1 per cent in the Automotive Equipment group.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade
Pourcentage des changements dans commerce au gros

| | Percentage change, 1936 compared with 1935 Pourcentage du changement, 1936 comparé à 1935 | | |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| | Sales -- Ventés | | Inventory |
| | (1) January 1936 Janvier 1935 | (2) February 1936 Février 1935 | Inventory Inventaire February 1936 Février 1935 |
| Automotive Equipment -- Équipement automoteur | +12.8 | - 2.8 | - 4.1 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | (X) | (X) | |
| Ontario | + 1.9 | - 1.5 | |
| Western Provinces -- de l'Ouest | +29.4 | - 5.9 | |
| Drugs -- Drogues | + 5.1 | + 3.6 | + 4.1 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .. | + 4.2 | + 4.4 | |
| Western Provinces -- de l'Ouest | + 7.5 | + 1.6 | |
| Clothing -- Vêtement | +14.0 | + 1.4 | + 0.1 |
| Quebec | +29.7 | + 0.7 | |
| Ontario and Western Provinces -- de l'Ouest | - 0.2 | + 2.1 | |
| Footwear -- Chaussures | + 6.3 | + 4.9 | + 3.5 |
| Quebec | +18.1 | + 9.8 | |
| Ontario | -11.5 | - 2.5 | |
| Dry Goods -- Marchandises sèches. | - 1.9 | - 0.7 | - 0.7 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 8.0 | + 1.3 | |
| Ontario | - 6.1 | - 4.2 | |
| Western Provinces -- de l'Ouest. | - 9.2 | + 1.2 | |
| Fruits and Vegetables -- Fruits et légumes | + 0.8 | - 4.2 | + 6.2 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 2.7 | - 7.1 | |
| Ontario | + 2.0 | + 0.9 | |
| Western Provinces -- de l'Ouest | + 1.6 | (X) | |
| Groceries -- Epiceries | + 5.3 | + 8.0 | +13.7 |
| Maritimes | + 7.8 | +14.2 | |
| Quebec | + 3.0 | + 6.4 | |
| Ontario | - 3.8 | + 4.1 | |
| Prairies | + 9.4 | + 7.7 | |
| British Columbia | +19.4 | +23.0 | |
| Hardware -- Quincaillerie | + 7.5 | + 1.0 | - 0.8 |
| Maritimes | -12.8 | - 0.6 | |
| Quebec | +20.3 | +11.0 | |
| Ontario | + 1.2 | + 6.5 | |
| Western Provinces -- de l'Ouest | + 8.2 | (X) | |
| Tobacco and Confectionery -- Tabacs et confiseries | + 1.9 | + 6.3 | - 3.8 |
| Quebec | - 2.7 | +11.4 | |
| Ontario | + 4.5 | + 6.8 | |
| Western Provinces -- de l'Ouest | + 4.2 | - 3.0 | |
| Wholesale Trade -- Commerce de gros -- | | | |
| Maritimes | + 3.7 | + 9.9 | |
| Quebec | + 5.5 | + 3.5 | |
| Ontario | - 1.6 | + 2.6 | |
| Prairies | + 4.9 | + 1.5 | |
| British Columbia | +19.2 | +16.6 | |
| CANADA | + 4.4 | + 3.9 | + 3.4 |

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CURRENT TRENDS IN WHOLESALE TRADE, MARCH, 1936

Wholesale trade in Canada in March, 1936, shows a gain of 4.9 per cent in value over the amount recorded in the same month last year according to figures secured from approximately 200 regular wholesale houses operating in nine different lines of trade. Totals for the first three months of 1936 show a gain of 4.5 per cent in value of business over that of the first quarter in 1935.

Percentage increases for the wholesale trade as a whole are recorded in March, 1936, for all economic divisions of the country. In British Columbia the increase was 9.4 per cent; in the Prairie Provinces, 6.4 per cent; in Quebec, 6.0 per cent; in the Maritime Provinces, 2.7 per cent, and, in Ontario, 1.6 per cent.

Increases are also recorded for each of the individual lines of business for which figures are shown. Sales of automotive equipment dealers registered an increase in value of 8.5 per cent over March, 1935; the footwear group shows an increase of 7.9 per cent; fruits and vegetables, 6.5 per cent; hardware, 6.3 per cent, and clothing, 6.3 per cent. Minor percentage increases were recorded for each of the other groups.

Value of inventory as on March 31, 1936, was 4.7 per cent higher than on the corresponding date last year. Percentage changes in inventory value ranged from an increase of 15.5 per cent in the case of the tobacco and confectionery group to a minor decrease of .9 per cent in the clothing group.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade
Pourcentage des changements dans commerce au gros

| | Percentage change, 1936 compared with 1935 Pourcentage du changement, 1936 compare à 1935 | | | |
|---|---|-------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| | Sales -- Ventes | | | Inventory |
| | (1) | (2) | First Quarter 1936 Premier trimestre 1935 | Inventaire |
| | February 1936 Février 1935 | March 1936 Mars 1935 | | March 1936 Mars 1935 |
| Automotive Equipment-- | | | | |
| Equipement automoteur | - 3.2 | + 8.5 | + 6.4 | + 1.4 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 1.3 | + 27.7 | + 11.2 | |
| Ontario | - 0.9 | - 0.4 | + 0.8 | |
| Western Provinces--de l'Ouest | - 5.9 | + 8.9 | + 9.7 | |
| Drugs -- drogues | + 4.2 | + 4.1 | + 4.5 | + 3.1 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario | + 5.1 | + 3.3 | + 4.3 | |
| Western Provinces--de l'Ouest | + 1.6 | + 6.1 | + 5.1 | |
| Clothing -- Vetement | + 1.4 | + 6.3 | + 6.8 | - 0.9 |
| Quebec | + 0.7 | + 6.3 | + 9.4 | |
| Ontario and Western Provinces -- de l'Ouest | + 2.1 | + 6.4 | + 4.1 | |
| Footwear -- Chaussures | + 4.5 | + 7.9 | + 3.2 | + 20.7 |
| Quebec | + 9.6 | + 16.8 | + 15.0 | |
| Ontario | - 2.5 | - 8.3 | - 17.7 | |
| Dry Goods -- Marchandises seches | - 0.5 | + 6.0 | + 1.8 | + 1.2 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 1.3 | + 12.1 | + 7.6 | |
| Ontario | - 3.5 | - 3.9 | - 4.4 | |
| Western Provinces--de l'Ouest | + 1.2 | + 10.2 | + 1.5 | |
| Fruits and Vegetables--Fruits et legumes | - 5.8 | + 6.5 | + 1.8 | + 14.0 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 10.3 | + 10.9 | + 1.0 | |
| Ontario | + 0.1 | + 7.7 | + 3.5 | |
| Western Provinces--de l'Ouest | - 8.4 | + 1.5 | - 0.3 | |
| Groceries-- Epiceries | + 7.5 | + 3.7 | + 5.4 | + 11.6 |
| Maritimes | + 13.2 | + 2.0 | + 7.2 | |
| Quebec | + 4.0 | - 4.1 | + 0.4 | |
| Ontario | + 2.4 | + 1.4 | - 0.1 | |
| Prairies | + 5.8 | + 8.9 | + 8.1 | |
| British Columbia | + 23.7 | + 6.6 | + 16.1 | |
| Hardware -- Quincaillerie | + 3.2 | + 6.3 | + 5.7 | - 0.5 |
| Maritimes | - 3.0 | + 1.9 | - 3.2 | |
| Quebec | + 6.5 | + 8.8 | + 12.8 | |
| Ontario | + 5.9 | + 2.7 | + 3.1 | |
| Western Provinces--de l'Ouest | + 2.0 | + 7.2 | + 5.8 | |
| Tobacco and Confectionery -- Tabacs et confiseries | + 7.0 | + 4.0 | + 4.6 | + 15.5 |
| Quebec | + 13.7 | + 7.2 | + 7.4 | |
| Ontario | + 6.8 | + 0.8 | + 3.9 | |
| Western Provinces -- de l'Ouest | - 1.2 | + 4.0 | + 1.6 | |
| Wholesale Trade -- Commerce de gros - | | | | |
| Maritimes | + 8.3 | + 2.7 | + 5.1 | |
| Quebec | + 2.7 | + 6.0 | + 5.1 | |
| Ontario | + 1.7 | + 1.6 | + 0.5 | |
| Prairies | + 0.1 | + 6.4 | + 4.4 | |
| British Columbia | + 17.4 | + 9.4 | + 15.1 | |
| CANADA | + 3.7 | + 4.9 | + 4.5 | + 4.7 |

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CURRENT TRENDS IN WHOLESALE TRADE, APRIL, 1936.

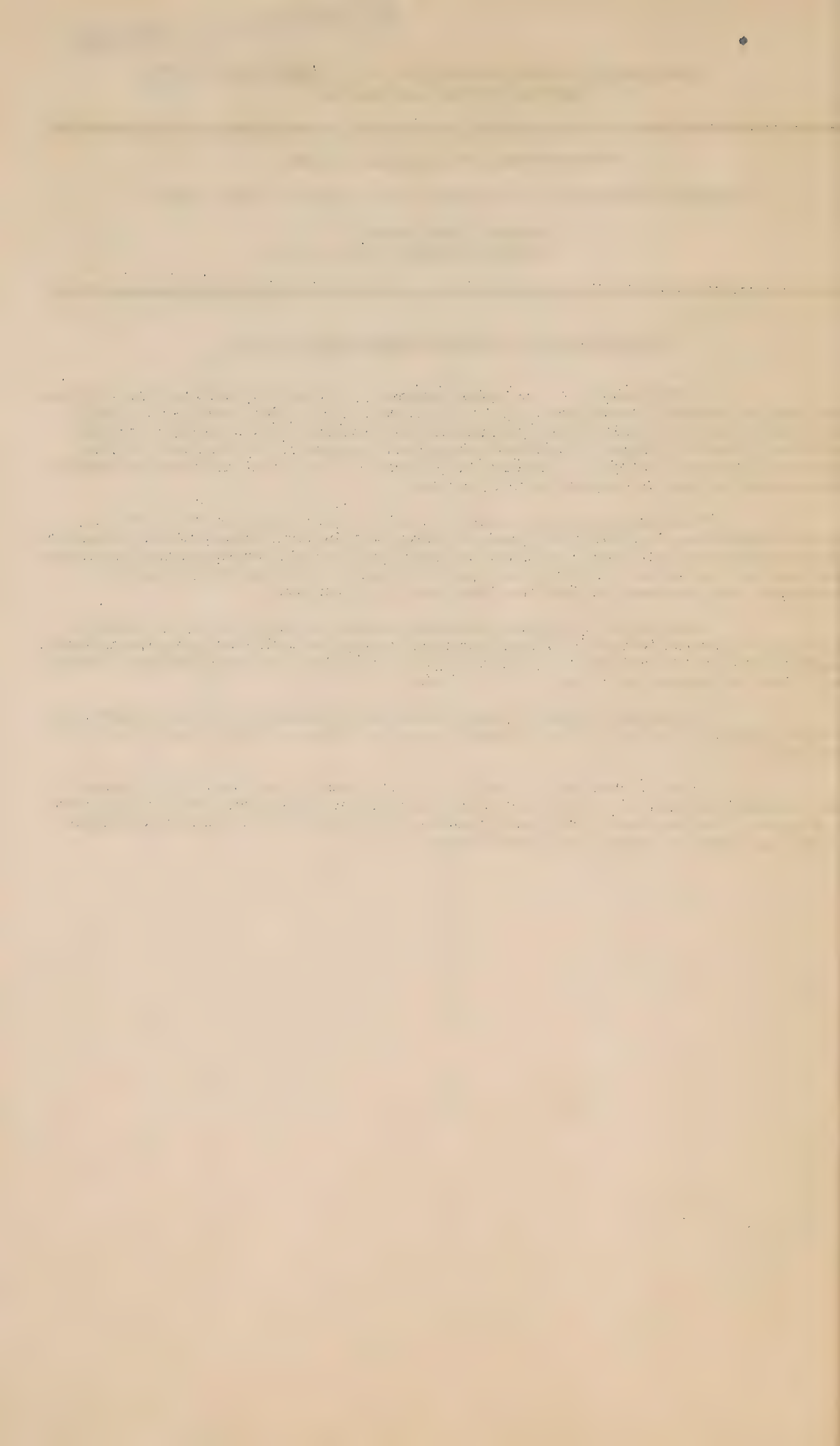
In continuation of the upward movement in wholesale business over last year, the value of wholesale trade increased 7.2 per cent in April, 1936, over April, 1935, according to reports submitted by approximately 200 wholesale houses operating in nine different lines of business. March sales showed an increase of 5.0 per cent over the corresponding month last year. February sales were up 3.7 per cent and those of January were up 4.4 per cent as compared with a year ago.

While increases were recorded in all economic divisions of the country, British Columbia again reports the greatest improvement in April sales with an increase of 15.6 per cent over last year. The other economic divisions with corresponding percentage increases are as follows: Ontario, 42.6 per cent; Quebec, 47.1 per cent; Prairie Provinces, 48.0 per cent, and Maritime Provinces, 41.7 per cent.

Eight of the nine kind-of-business groups for which figures are shown in the table registered increases in April business as compared with last year, the increases ranging from 2.5 per cent for fruit and vegetables to 11.4 per cent for hardware. Wholesale trade in footwear was down by 7.9 per cent.

The wholesale grocery trade reported marked gains in British Columbia, the Prairie Provinces, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. Sales in Ontario were down by 0.7 per cent.

Value of inventory as on April 30, 1936 was 5.5 per cent higher than on the corresponding date last year. Percentage changes for the various groups ranged from a decrease of 4.0 per cent in the case of automotive equipment to a pronounced increase of 61.4 per cent for tobacco and confectionery.



Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

Pourcentage des changements dans commerce au gros

| | Percentage change, 1936 compared with 1935 Pourcentage du changement, 1936 comparé à 1935 | | |
|---|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Sales -- Ventes | | Inventory Inventaire |
| | (1) March 1936 Mars 1935 | (2) April 1936 Avril 1935 | |
| Automotive Equipment -- Équipement automoteur | + 7.9 | + 6.2 | - 4.0 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | +27.1 | +12.9 | |
| Ontario | - 1.2 | - 3.6 | |
| Western Provinces -- de l'Ouest | + 8.9 | +10.3 | |
| Drugs -- Drogues | + 4.4 | + 6.8 | + 6.4 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario | + 3.8 | + 7.3 | |
| Western Provinces -- de l'Ouest | + 6.1 | + 5.6 | |
| Clothing -- Vêtement | + 5.0 | + 9.7 | - 3.7 |
| Quebec | + 6.3 | + 5.7 | |
| Ontario and Western Provinces -- de l'Ouest | + 3.8 | +13.7 | |
| Footwear -- Chaussures | + 9.9 | - 7.9 | +37.6 |
| Quebec | +19.8 | - 3.7 | |
| Ontario | - 8.4 | -14.5 | |
| Dry Goods -- Marchandises sèches | + 6.0 | + 5.0 | + 1.5 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | +12.1 | + 5.9 | |
| Ontario | - 3.9 | + 0.5 | |
| Western Provinces -- de l'Ouest | +10.2 | +10.2 | |
| Fruits and Vegetables -- Fruits et légumes | + 6.4 | + 2.5 | +12.1 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | +10.8 | - 6.6 | |
| Ontario | + 7.7 | + 8.8 | |
| Western Provinces -- de l'Ouest | + 3.1 | - 1.1 | |
| Groceries -- Epiceries | + 3.8 | + 8.6 | +11.3 |
| Maritimes | + 2.1 | +15.3 | |
| Quebec | - 3.7 | +15.3 | |
| Ontario | + 1.3 | - 0.7 | |
| Prairies | + 8.9 | +11.2 | |
| British Columbia | + 6.6 | +16.1 | |
| Hardware -- Quincaillerie | + 6.4 | +11.4 | - 1.5 |
| Maritimes | + 1.3 | + 7.9 | |
| Quebec | + 9.0 | +14.2 | |
| Ontario | + 2.7 | + 8.7 | |
| Western Provinces -- de l'Ouest | + 7.2 | +11.9 | |
| Tobacco and Confectionery -- Tabacs et confiseries | + 3.9 | + 6.5 | +61.4 |
| Quebec | + 6.7 | +15.3 | |
| Ontario | + 0.8 | - 1.2 | |
| Western Provinces -- de l'Ouest | + 4.0 | + 4.3 | |
| Wholesale Trade -- Commerce de gros -- Maritimes | + 2.7 | +11.7 | |
| Quebec | + 6.5 | + 7.1 | |
| Ontario | + 1.5 | + 2.6 | |
| Prairies | + 6.4 | + 8.0 | |
| British Columbia | + 9.4 | +15.6 | |
| CANADA | + 5.0 | + 7.2 | + 5.5 |

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CURRENT TRENDS IN WHOLESALE TRADE, MAY, 1936

Value of wholesale trade in May showed an improvement of 4.2 per cent over that recorded for the same month last year according to reports submitted by approximately 200 wholesale houses operating in nine different lines of business. The May increase, while smaller than the 6.6 per cent gain recorded in April, 1936, over last year, is about equal to the average percentage gain for the first five months of the current year as compared with the corresponding five-month period of 1935.

British Columbia continues to report the greatest improvement with a gain of 11.7 per cent in May as compared with a year ago. The Prairie Provinces were up by 4.0 per cent; Quebec showed an improvement of 3.7 per cent, and Ontario, 3.0 per cent. Wholesale trade in the Maritime Provinces was down slightly in May, being approximately one per cent below the 1935 figure.

Improvement in wholesale trade was general for all lines of business, the increases over May, 1935, ranging from 2 per cent for groceries to a maximum of 11.6 per cent for automotive equipment. Footwear was up 11.0 per cent; hardware, 8.3 per cent; and tobacco and confectionery showed an increase over last year of 5.9 per cent.

The wholesale grocery trade reported gains over last year in British Columbia, the Prairie Provinces and the Maritime Provinces but reported recessions as compared with May of last year in Ontario and Quebec.

Value of inventory as on May 31, 1936, was 7.0 per cent higher than on the corresponding date a year ago. Percentage changes in inventory for the various groups ranged from a decrease of 5.1 per cent for automotive equipment to an increase of 23.5 per cent for footwear.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

Pourcentage des changements dans commerce au gros

| | Percentage change, 1936 compared with 1935 Pourcentage du changement, 1936 compare a 1935 | | |
|---|--|----------------------|-------------------------|
| | Sales - Ventes | | Inventory Inventaire |
| | (1) | (2) | |
| | April 1936 Avril 1935 | May 1936 Mai 1935 | |
| Automotive Equipment - Equipement automoteur | + 7.4 | + 11.6 | - 5.1 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 12.7 | + 20.6 | |
| Ontario | + 2.4 | + 4.5 | |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 9.5 | + 13.4 | |
| Drugs - Drogues | + 6.9 | + 4.1 | + 6.0 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario | + 7.3 | + 3.8 | |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 5.6 | + 5.0 | |
| Clothing - Vetement | + 9.3 | + 3.3 | - 4.0 |
| Quebec | + 5.7 | - 9.0 | |
| Ontario and Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 13.3 | + 17.3 | |
| Footwear - Chaussures | - 7.9 | + 11.0 | + 23.5 |
| Quebec | - 3.7 | + 24.1 | |
| Ontario | - 14.5 | - 5.4 | |
| Dry Goods - Marchandises seches | + 3.9 | + 4.7 | + 2.6 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 5.5 | + 2.3 | |
| Ontario | - 1.5 | + 8.7 | |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 10.2 | + 4.2 | |
| Fruits and Vegetables - Fruits et legumes .. | + 2.4 | + 3.6 | + 14.0 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 6.6 | + 8.2 | |
| Ontario | + 7.7 | + 6.5 | |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 0.1 | - 2.7 | |
| Groceries - Epiceries | + 7.8 | + 2.0 | + 13.6 |
| Maritimes | + 15.4 | + 3.1 | |
| Quebec | + 10.2 | - 6.3 | |
| Ontario | - 0.6 | - 1.7 | |
| Prairies | + 9.3 | + 5.3 | |
| British Columbia | + 16.1 | + 10.2 | |
| Hardware - Quincaillerie | + 11.2 | + 8.3 | + 3.0 |
| Maritimes | + 7.9 | - 14.1 | |
| Quebec | + 16.4 | + 9.0 | |
| Ontario | + 8.7 | + 11.3 | |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 10.6 | + 9.5 | |
| Tobacco and Confectionery - Tabacs et confiseries | + 6.2 | + 5.9 | + 6.3 |
| Quebec | + 15.3 | + 13.5 | |
| Ontario | - 1.2 | + 0.7 | |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 3.4 | + 0.4 | |
| Wholesale Trade - Commerce de gros -- | | | |
| Maritimes | + 11.9 | - 0.8 | |
| Quebec | + 7.0 | + 3.7 | |
| Ontario | + 2.4 | + 3.0 | |
| Prairies | + 6.5 | + 4.0 | |
| British Columbia | + 15.0 | + 11.7 | |
| CANADA | + 6.6 | + 4.2 | + 7.0 |

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CURRENT TRENDS IN WHOLESALE TRADE, JUNE, 1936

According to reports submitted by approximately 200 wholesale firms operating in nine different lines of business, the value of wholesale trade in June, 1936, increased 12.1 per cent over June, 1935. Sales in the second quarter (April, May and June) of 1936 show a gain of 7.8 per cent over the corresponding three-month period of last year.

For June, 1936, increases in wholesale sales were recorded in all economic divisions of the Dominion ranging from 17.7 per cent in the Maritime Provinces to 9.8 per cent in Ontario. Quebec shows an increase of 16.7 per cent; British Columbia, 12.5 per cent, and in the Prairie Provinces the increase was 10.2 per cent.

Substantial increases were shown for each line of business for June, 1936, compared with the same month in the preceding year. Fruits and vegetables showed a gain of 22.3 per cent; Footwear, 19.0 per cent; Hardware, 16.8 per cent. The smallest increase, 8.4 per cent, was shown for Dry Goods. The grocery trade, which had gains of 7.8 per cent in April and 2.0 per cent in May, shows a further advance of 8.5 per cent for June.

For the three-month period, increases were recorded for all lines of trade in Canada as a whole and in each economic division except Ontario, where a slight falling off was shown in the footwear trade.

The value of inventory as on June 30, 1936, was 6.1 per cent higher than at the end of June, 1935. Percentage changes ranged from an increase of 23.9 per cent in the Fruit and vegetable trade to a decrease of 5.9 per cent in the Automotive equipment trade. All other groups, except Clothing, showed higher inventories at the end of June. The decrease in value of inventory was 1.7 per cent for the Clothing group.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade
Pourcentage des changements dans commerce au gros

| | Percentage Change, 1936 Compared With 1935 Pourcentage du changement, 1936 compare a 1935 | | | |
|---|---|------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| | Sales -- Ventes | | | Inventory Inventaire |
| | (1) | (2) | Second Quarter 1936 Deuxieme trimestre 1935 | |
| | May 1936 Mai 1935 | June 1936 Juin 1935 | | |
| Automotive Equipment -- Equipement automoteur | + 11.0 | + 11.0 | + 9.7 | - 5.9 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 14.0 | + 29.9 | + 20.7 | |
| Ontario | + 8.0 | + 9.4 | + 0.4 | |
| Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest | + 12.2 | + 10.7 | + 10.8 | |
| Drugs -- Drogues | + 4.1 | + 10.6 | + 7.1 | + 6.3 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario | + 3.7 | + 10.5 | + 7.1 | |
| Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest | + 5.0 | + 11.0 | + 7.1 | |
| Clothing -- Vetement | + 6.1 | + 11.3 | + 8.8 | - 1.7 |
| Quebec | - 9.0 | + 17.3 | + 4.1 | |
| Ontario and Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest | + 20.5 | + 5.5 | + 13.1 | |
| Footwear -- Chaussures | + 11.0 | + 19.0 | + 6.4 | + 16.4 |
| Quebec | + 24.1 | + 22.2 | + 13.2 | |
| Ontario | - 5.4 | + 13.4 | - 3.6 | |
| Dry Goods -- Marchandises seches | + 4.3 | + 8.4 | + 5.8 | + 4.0 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 2.3 | + 7.7 | + 5.5 | |
| Ontario | + 7.1 | + 1.6 | + 2.5 | |
| Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest | + 4.2 | + 23.1 | + 12.9 | |
| Fruits and Vegetables -- Fruits et legumes | + 3.0 | + 22.3 | + 9.4 | + 23.9 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 2.3 | + 46.9 | + 15.3 | |
| Ontario | + 6.5 | + 23.3 | + 12.3 | |
| Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest | (X) | + 7.7 | + 1.5 | |
| Groceries -- Epiceries | + 1.5 | + 8.5 | + 6.4 | + 8.7 |
| Maritimes | + 3.1 | + 22.5 | + 13.4 | |
| Quebec | - 7.5 | + 5.8 | + 2.8 | |
| Ontario | - 1.7 | + 6.7 | + 1.6 | |
| Prairies | + 5.3 | + 10.1 | + 9.5 | |
| British Columbia | + 10.2 | + 4.2 | + 10.0 | |
| Hardware -- Quincaillerie | + 8.2 | + 16.8 | + 11.7 | + 3.3 |
| Maritimes | - 13.1 | + 8.3 | + 0.7 | |
| Quebec | + 9.8 | + 26.8 | + 15.8 | |
| Ontario | + 11.3 | + 8.3 | + 9.5 | |
| Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest | + 9.5 | + 18.2 | + 12.7 | |
| Tobacco and Confectionery -- Tabacs et confiseries | + 5.6 | + 12.0 | + 7.5 | + 16.8 |
| Quebec | + 13.5 | + 21.8 | + 16.3 | |
| Ontario | + 0.7 | + 7.2 | + 2.1 | |
| Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest | (X) | + 5.4 | + 3.3 | |
| Wholesale Trade -- Commerce de gros -- | | | | |
| Maritimes | - 0.8 | + 17.7 | + 9.3 | |
| Quebec | + 2.3 | + 16.7 | + 8.7 | |
| Ontario | + 3.1 | + 9.8 | + 5.0 | |
| Prairies | + 4.1 | + 10.2 | + 7.7 | |
| British Columbia | + 11.5 | + 12.5 | + 13.1 | |
| CANADA | + 3.9 | + 12.1 | + 7.8 | + 6.1 |

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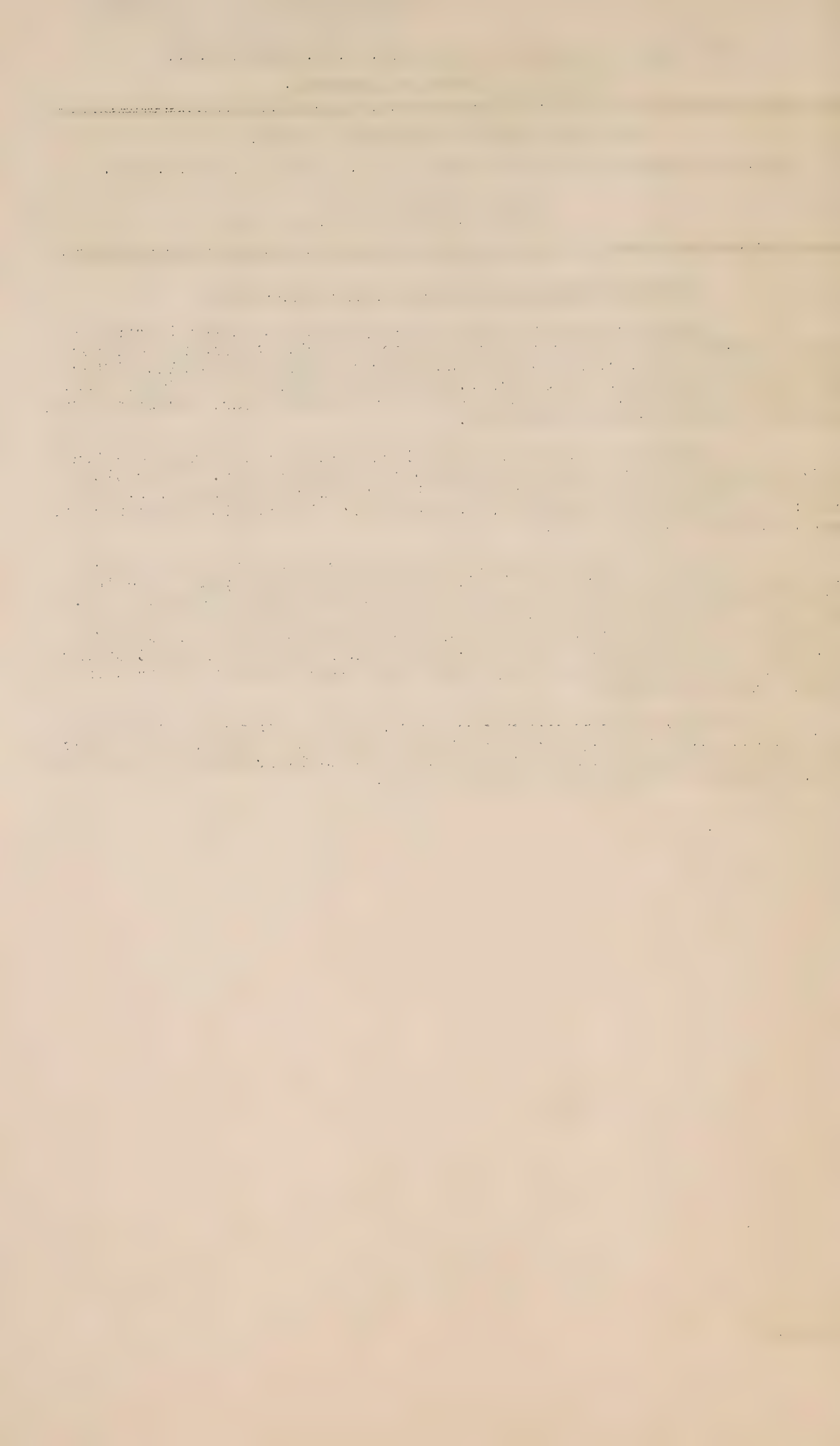
CURRENT TRENDS IN WHOLESALE TRADE, JULY, 1936

Wholesale trade in Canada in July showed a marked increase in value of sales over the corresponding month of 1935. According to reports submitted by approximately 200 wholesale houses operating in nine different lines of business, sales were 9.5 per cent higher than in July, 1935. This gain is the highest for any month in the current year, excepting June, when the increase was 12.0 per cent.

Percentage increases in combined sales for all wholesale trade were registered for all economic divisions of the Dominion. In British Columbia, the gain was 16.7 per cent; in the Prairie Provinces, 9.4 per cent; in the Maritime Provinces, 9.0 per cent; in Ontario, 8.6 per cent, and in Quebec, 6.5 per cent.

Seven of the nine kind-of-business groups for which figures are shown registered increases in July over July of last year. The increases ranged from 18.0 per cent in the Fruit and Vegetable group to 1.9 per cent in the Tobacco and Confectionery group. The Grocery trade recorded its greatest improvement for any month this year with a gain of 10.4 per cent over July, 1935. Decreases of 3.4 per cent in the Clothing trade and 0.7 per cent in the Dry Goods trade were reported by firms in those lines of business.

The value of inventories for all kinds of business combined as on July 31, 1936, was 7.9 per cent higher than on the same date last year. The percentage changes ranged from a gain of 16.5 in Fruits and Vegetables to an increase of 3.6 in the Hardware trade.



Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

Pourcentage des changements dans commerce au gros

| | Percentage change, 1936 compared with 1935 Pourcentage du changement, 1936 compare a 1935 | | |
|---|--|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| | Sales - Ventes | | Inventory Inventaire |
| | (1) June 1936 Juin 1935 | (2) July 1936 Juillet 1935 | July 1936 Juillet 1935 |
| Automotive Equipment - Equipement automoteur | + 12.3 | + 4.2 | + 6.5 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 28.9 | + 5.9 | |
| Ontario | + 7.1 | + 9.7 | |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 10.7 | (X) | |
| Drugs - Drogues | + 10.6 | + 6.6 | + 9.6 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario | + 10.4 | + 6.8 | |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 11.0 | + 6.1 | |
| Clothing - Vetement | + 11.3 | - 3.4 | + 5.3 |
| Quebec | + 17.3 | - 3.7 | |
| Ontario and Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 5.5 | - 2.5 | |
| Footwear - Chaussures | + 19.0 | + 11.2 | + 18.5 |
| Quebec | + 22.2 | + 20.8 | |
| Ontario | + 13.4 | - 13.3 | |
| Dry Goods - Marchandises seches | + 7.8 | - 0.7 | + 8.3 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 7.4 | + 1.5 | |
| Ontario | + 1.1 | - 2.2 | |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 22.2 | - 2.2 | |
| Fruits and Vegetables - Fruits et legumes .. | + 21.4 | + 18.0 | + 16.5 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 41.1 | + 12.9 | |
| Ontario | + 23.3 | + 32.5 | |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 12.0 | + 10.7 | |
| Groceries - Epiceries | + 8.1 | + 10.4 | + 8.5 |
| Maritimes | + 21.5 | + 13.9 | |
| Quebec | + 4.9 | + 5.3 | |
| Ontario | + 6.6 | + 4.5 | |
| Prairies | + 9.5 | + 15.0 | |
| British Columbia | + 4.2 | + 16.6 | |
| Hardware - Quincaillerie | + 16.8 | + 8.2 | + 3.6 |
| Maritimes | + 8.3 | + 1.3 | |
| Quebec | + 26.8 | + 10.1 | |
| Ontario | + 8.3 | + 3.8 | |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 18.2 | + 10.0 | |
| Tobacco and Confectionery - Tabacs et confiseries | + 11.8 | + 1.9 | + 7.3 |
| Quebec | + 19.6 | + 3.2 | |
| Ontario | + 7.1 | + 2.0 | |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 7.1 | - 0.7 | |
| Wholesale Trade - Commerce de gros -- | | | |
| Maritimes | + 17.3 | + 9.0 | |
| Quebec | + 15.4 | + 6.5 | |
| Ontario | + 9.8 | + 8.6 | |
| Prairies | + 10.7 | + 9.4 | |
| British Columbia | + 12.5 | + 16.7 | |
| CANADA | + 12.0 | + 9.5 | + 7.9 |

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CURRENT TRENDS IN WHOLESALE TRADE, AUGUST, 1936

The value of wholesale sales in Canada for August was 6.4 per cent higher than in August, 1935, according to reports submitted by almost 200 wholesale houses operating in nine different lines of business.

While increases in combined sales were recorded for all economic divisions of the Dominion, the greatest improvement was shown in the Prairie Provinces with a gain of 11.2 per cent. Percentage increases for the other economic divisions were as follows: 7.4 per cent in the Maritime, 5.9 per cent in British Columbia, 3.4 per cent in Ontario, and in Quebec the gain was 2.5 per cent.

Seven of the nine kind-of-business groups for which figures are shown in the table registered increases in August over the corresponding month last year. The Tobacco and Confectionery group was the only group to show a decrease, Drugs remaining unchanged. The increases ranged from 15.4 per cent in the Fruits and Vegetables trade, which also showed the largest gain in July, to 2.5 per cent in the Dry Goods trade. An increase of 15.4 per cent was also recorded for the Footwear group, and the Grocery trade, which has shown an improvement for every month of the current year, again shows an increase of 6.1 per cent.

The value of inventories for all lines of trade combined, as on August 31, 1936, was 9.2 per cent higher than on the corresponding date last year. The highest increase recorded was in the Fruits and Vegetables group, which showed a gain of 29.0 per cent, while the smallest increase, or 2.1 per cent, was registered by the Hardware trade.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade
Pourcentage des changements dans commerce au gros

| | Percentage change, 1936 compared with 1935 : Pourcentage du change- ment, 1936 comparé a 1935 | | |
|--|---|---------------------------------|--|
| | Sales - Ventes | | Inventory |
| | (1) July 1936 Juillet 1935 | (2) August 1936 Août 1935 | Inventaire August 1936 Août 1935 |
| Automotive Equipment - Equipement automoteur | + 3.1 | + 8.8 | + 8.7 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 5.9 | - 3.7 | |
| Ontario | + 5.9 | + 8.7 | |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | (X) | +12.8 | |
| Drugs - Drogues | + 6.6 | (X) | + 9.0 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario | + 6.8 | - 1.0 | |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 6.1 | + 2.5 | |
| Clothing - Vêtement | + 5.7 | +11.1 | + 5.8 |
| Quebec | - 3.7 | +16.5 | |
| Ontario and Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | +17.5 | + 7.0 | |
| Footwear - Chaussures | +11.2 | +15.4 | +12.4 |
| Quebec | +20.8 | +22.5 | |
| Ontario | -13.3 | + 2.4 | |
| Dry Goods - Marchandises sèches | - 1.1 | + 2.5 | + 6.6 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 1.5 | + 5.6 | |
| Ontario | - 3.0 | - 2.7 | |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | - 2.2 | + 3.9 | |
| Fruits and Vegetables - Fruits et légumes | +17.8 | +15.4 | +29.0 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | +12.9 | + 6.6 | |
| Ontario | +30.6 | +12.2 | |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | +10.7 | +20.3 | |
| Groceries - Epiceries | +10.3 | + 6.1 | +13.3 |
| Maritimes | +14.2 | +10.8 | |
| Quebec | + 5.5 | - 1.1 | |
| Ontario | + 4.5 | + 2.8 | |
| Prairies | +14.4 | +10.6 | |
| British Columbia | +16.6 | + 6.0 | |
| Hardware - Quincaillerie | + 8.7 | + 6.4 | + 2.1 |
| Maritimes | + 1.3 | + 8.0 | |
| Quebec | +11.7 | + 4.3 | |
| Ontario | + 3.8 | + 7.5 | |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | +10.0 | + 6.4 | |
| Tobacco and Confectionery - Tabacs et confiseries | + 2.4 | - 3.8 | + 8.0 |
| Quebec | + 3.2 | - 6.3 | |
| Ontario | + 2.0 | - 4.4 | |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 1.7 | + 1.4 | |
| Wholesale Trade - Commerce de gros -- | | | |
| Maritimes | + 9.5 | + 7.4 | |
| Quebec | + 6.8 | + 2.5 | |
| Ontario | + 8.5 | + 3.4 | |
| Prairies | + 9.4 | +11.2 | |
| British Columbia | +16.4 | + 5.9 | |
| CANADA | + 9.5 | + 6.4 | + 9.2 |

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CURRENT TRENDS IN WHOLESALE TRADE, SEPTEMBER, 1936

Marked improvement in wholesale trade in Canada in 1935 as compared with last year is reflected in monthly returns received from approximately 200 wholesale houses whose aggregate sales for September of this year were 13.2 per cent higher than in the same month a year ago. This improvement is a continuation and extension of the advances indicated in each of the monthly comparisons of this year with last and results in total sales for the third quarter of the current year showing an increase of 9.6 per cent over the same period in 1935. Sales in the second quarter of 1936 were 7.8 per cent higher than last year while, in the first quarter, a smaller gain of 4.5 per cent was recorded.

Gains were registered in each of the nine lines of business included in this survey and ranged from an increase of 26.2 per cent for the footwear trade to 3.3 per cent for the clothing trade. The grocery trade, which has reported an increase over 1935 in each of the monthly comparisons to date, registered a further advance of 10.7 per cent in September over the same month last year, this gain being the greatest recorded by this group for any month thus far.

While gains over last year were generally reported, relative improvement over last year was not uniform for all provinces. The Prairie Provinces reported the greatest gain over September of last year with an increase of 18.2 per cent; the Maritime Provinces and British Columbia came next with gains of 14.2 per cent and 14.1 per cent respectively, followed by increases of 10.5 per cent and 8.5 per cent in Ontario and Quebec.

The value of inventory as on September 30th, 1936, was 7.1 per cent higher than on the same date last year. Each line of business showed an increase in inventory value excepting the clothing trade, which showed a slight decrease. This kind of business also recorded the smallest gain in value of sales.

The attached table, in addition to giving data for each of nine specified kind-of-business groupings, also shows percentage changes in sales and inventory under the caption "Wholesale Trade". It should be noted that the figures given under this heading are composites derived from the data reported for each of the nine kind-of-business groupings only and do not reflect changes in value of wholesale trade in any other lines than those included in this survey.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

Pourcentage des changements dans commerce au gros

| | Percentage Change, 1936 Compared With 1935 Pourcentage du changement, 1936 compare a 1935 | | | |
|--|--|----------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| | Sales -- Ventes | | | Inventory Inventaire |
| | (1) | (2) | Third | |
| | August 1936 Aout 1935 | September 1936 Septembre 1935 | Quarter 1936 Troisieme trimestre 1935 | September 1936 Septembre 1935 |
| Automotive Equipment -- Equipement automoteur | + 9.5 | + 19.4 | + 11.7 | + 9.2 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 3.7 | + 13.4 | + 5.2 | |
| Ontario | + 7.4 | + 19.9 | + 12.5 | |
| Western Provinces.-de l'Ouest | + 15.1 | + 20.8 | + 13.4 | |
| Drugs -- Drogues | + 0.3 | + 11.2 | + 6.0 | + 4.3 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario | - 0.6 | + 9.8 | + 5.3 | |
| Western Provinces.-de l'Ouest | + 2.5 | + 15.1 | + 7.9 | |
| Clothing -- Vetement | + 11.1 | + 3.3 | + 6.3 | - 1.0 |
| Quebec | + 16.5 | + 0.6 | + 4.1 | |
| Ontario and Western Provinces.-de l'Ouest | + 7.0 | + 6.1 | + 8.4 | |
| Footwear -- Chaussures | + 15.4 | + 26.2 | + 18.9 | + 6.9 |
| Quebec | + 22.5 | + 30.7 | + 25.4 | |
| Ontario | + 2.4 | + 17.5 | + 5.6 | |
| Dry Goods -- Marchandises | | | | |
| seches | + 2.5 | + 10.5 | + 5.4 | + 4.8 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 5.6 | + 3.0 | + 3.4 | |
| Ontario | - 2.7 | + 4.3 | + 1.0 | |
| Western Provinces.-del'Ouest | + 3.9 | + 33.9 | + 13.4 | |
| Fruits and Vegetables -- | | | | |
| Fruits et legumes | + 14.8 | + 18.8 | + 16.8 | + 30.9 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 6.6 | + 12.5 | + 10.7 | |
| Ontario | + 10.9 | + 26.0 | + 23.1 | |
| Western Provinces.-del'Ouest | + 20.1 | + 18.5 | + 16.4 | |
| Groceries -- Epiceries | + 6.0 | + 10.7 | + 9.0 | + 12.3 |
| Maritimes | + 10.8 | + 16.8 | + 14.3 | |
| Quebec | - 0.8 | + 8.7 | + 3.7 | |
| Ontario | + 3.3 | + 7.2 | + 5.0 | |
| Prairies | + 10.3 | + 13.5 | + 13.1 | |
| British Columbia | + 6.0 | + 10.5 | + 11.0 | |
| Hardware -- Quincaillerie | + 6.4 | + 19.9 | + 11.5 | + 1.7 |
| Maritimes | + 8.0 | + 21.5 | + 8.1 | |
| Quebec | + 4.3 | + 10.8 | + 8.5 | |
| Ontario | + 7.5 | + 18.8 | + 10.0 | |
| Western Provinces.-del'Ouest | + 6.4 | + 22.5 | + 13.1 | |
| Tobacco and Confectionery -- | | | | |
| Tabacs et confiseries | - 4.1 | + 10.4 | + 2.3 | + 2.0 |
| Quebec | - 7.1 | + 8.5 | + 1.1 | |
| Ontario | - 4.4 | + 13.3 | + 3.2 | |
| Western Provinces.-del'Ouest | + 0.8 | + 9.4 | + 3.1 | |
| Wholesale Trade -- Commerce de gros -- | | | | |
| Maritimes | + 7.4 | + 14.2 | + 10.5 | |
| Quebec | + 2.6 | + 8.5 | + 5.6 | |
| Ontario | + 3.6 | + 10.5 | + 7.2 | |
| Prairies | + 11.2 | + 18.2 | + 13.2 | |
| British Columbia | + 5.9 | + 14.1 | + 12.2 | |
| CANADA | + 6.3 | + 13.2 | + 9.6 | + 7.1 |

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CURRENT TRENDS IN WHOLESALE TRADE, OCTOBER, 1936

The dollar value of wholesale trade in Canada for October, 1936, showed an increase of 9.8 per cent over the corresponding period of 1935, according to monthly returns secured from almost 200 wholesale houses operating in nine different lines of business.

Increases ranging from 40.4 per cent in the footwear trade to 6.6 per cent in the grocery trade were recorded for seven kind-of-business groups while slight decreases were registered in the Clothing and Tobacco and Confectionery trades. The Hardware trade showed its greatest gain for any month this year with an increase of 24.8 per cent and the Grocery trade, which has reported increases for every month of the current year, again shows a gain of 6.6 per cent.

Combined sales of all reporting firms by provinces or economic divisions for October, 1936, show the following percentage increases when compared with the same month last year: The Prairie Provinces, 14.4 per cent; British Columbia, 10.1 per cent; The Maritime Provinces, 10.0 per cent, and Ontario and Quebec, 6.1 and 7.5 per cent respectively.

The value of inventory as on October 31, 1936, was 9.9 per cent higher than on the corresponding date of the preceding year, and by kinds of business the percentage changes range from an increase of 40.2 per cent in the Fruits and Vegetables trade to a decrease of 5.8 per cent in the Footwear trade. The inventory value of the Clothing trade remained unchanged.

The attached table, in addition to giving data for each of nine specified kind-of-business groupings, also shows percentage changes in sales and inventory under the caption "Wholesale Trade". It should be noted that the figures given under this heading are composites derived from the data reported for each of the nine kind-of-business groupings only and do not reflect changes in value of wholesale trade in any other lines than those included in this survey.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade
Pourcentage des changements dans commerce au gros

| | Percentage change, 1936 compared with 1935 : Pourcentage du change- ment, 1936 comparé à 1935 | | |
|--|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | Sales - Ventes | | Inventory |
| | (1) | (2) | Inventaire |
| | September 1936 Septembre 1935 | October 1936 Octobre 1935 | October 1936 Octobre 1935 |
| Automotive Equipment - Equipé- ment automoteur | + 19.4 | +15.1 | + 1.3 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 13.4 | +10.0 | . |
| Ontario | + 19.9 | +28.3 | . |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 20.8 | +10.8 | . |
| Drugs - Drogues | + 10.9 | +12.2 | + 2.0 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario. | + 9.5 | +11.7 | . |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 15.1 | +13.6 | . |
| Clothing - Vêtement | + 3.3 | - 0.9 | (X) |
| Quebec | + 0.6 | - 3.5 | . |
| Ontario and Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 6.1 | + 3.1 | . |
| Footwear - Chaussures | + 26.6 | +40.4 | - 5.8 |
| Quebec | + 31.4 | . (a) | . |
| Ontario | + 17.5 | (a) | . |
| Dry Goods - Marchandises sèches. | + 9.6 | + 8.9 | + 3.6 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 3.0 | + 4.9 | . |
| Ontario | + 2.3 | + 5.2 | . |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 33.9 | +20.8 | . |
| Fruits and Vegetables - Fruits et légumes | + 18.6 | + 9.1 | + 40.2 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 13.0 | - 3.7 | . |
| Ontario | + 25.2 | + 2.1 | . |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 18.5 | +16.7 | . |
| Groceries - Epiceries | + 10.2 | + 6.6 | + 19.2 |
| Maritimes | + 15.7 | + 9.9 | . |
| Quebec | + 8.2 | + 8.1 | . |
| Ontario | + 6.6 | + 2.5 | . |
| Prairies | + 13.2 | + 8.5 | . |
| British Columbia | + 10.5 | + 7.4 | . |
| Hardware - Quincaillerie | + 20.6 | +24.8 | + 0.9 |
| Maritimes | + 25.6 | +16.6 | . |
| Quebec | + 15.3 | +21.2 | . |
| Ontario | + 18.8 | +16.5 | . |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 22.5 | +30.2 | . |
| Tobacco and Confectionery - Tabacs et confiseries | + 10.4 | - 0.7 | + 5.1 |
| Quebec | + 8.5 | - 5.2 | . |
| Ontario | + 13.3 | + 2.2 | . |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 9.7 | + 1.1 | . |
| Wholesale Trade - Commerce de gros -- | . | . | . |
| Maritimes | + 14.5 | +10.0 | . |
| Quebec | + 9.1 | + 7.5 | . |
| Ontario | + 9.8 | + 6.1 | . |
| Prairies | + 18.0 | +14.4 | . |
| British Columbia | + 14.0 | +10.1 | . |
| CANADA | + 13.0 | + 9.8 | + 9.9 |

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CURRENT TRENDS IN WHOLESALE TRADE, NOVEMBER, 1936

The dollar value of wholesale trade in Canada in November, 1936, showed an increase of 5.9 per cent over the corresponding month of 1935, according to reports submitted by almost 200 wholesale houses operating in nine different lines of trade.

While results presented separately by economic divisions indicate that sales in November, as compared with November a year ago, increased in all sections of the Dominion, the greatest improvement was shown for British Columbia with a gain of 12.8 per cent. The Maritime Provinces reported an increase of 8.7 per cent; Quebec, 6.4 per cent; Ontario, 5.3 per cent; and the Prairie Provinces, which showed the largest gain in October with 14.4 per cent, reported an increase of only 2.9 per cent in November over November, 1935.

Increases were recorded in seven kind-of-business groups ranging from 0.5 per cent in the fruit and vegetable trade to 18.4 per cent in the automotive trade. The hardware trade, which reported an improvement of 25.0 per cent in October, shows a gain for November of 13.0 per cent over the corresponding period of 1935. A slight decrease was reported in the clothing trade. The footwear group, which showed a gain of over 60 per cent in October, recorded a drop of 26.2 per cent in November as compared with the same month a year ago.

The value of inventories for all kinds of business combined as on November 30, 1936, was 11.5 per cent higher than on the same date a year ago. The highest increases reported were in the fruit and vegetables trade, with 20.8 per cent, and in the grocery trade, with 20.4 per cent. The footwear group, which showed the largest decrease in dollar value of sales, reported a small gain in inventory value.

The attached table, in addition to giving data for each of nine specified kind-of-business groupings, also shows percentage changes in sales and inventory under the caption "Wholesale Trade". It should be noted that the figures given under this heading are composites derived from the data reported for each of the nine kind-of-business groupings only and do not reflect changes in value of wholesale trade in any other lines than those included in this survey.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade
Pourcentage des changements dans commerce au gros

| | Percentage change, 1936 compared with 1935 : Pourcentage du change- ment, 1936 comparé à 1935 | | |
|--|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | Sales - Ventes | | Inventory |
| | (1) | (2) | Inventaire |
| | October 1936 Octobre 1935 | November 1936 Novembre 1935 | November 1936 Novembre 1935 |
| Automotive Equipment - Equipé- ment automoteur | + 15.0 | + 18.4 | + 7.2 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 10.0 | + 6.9 | |
| Ontario | + 25.1 | + 20.3 | |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 10.8 | + 21.8 | |
| Drugs - Drogues | + 12.5 | + 8.9 | + 4.9 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario. | + 11.6 | + 9.0 | |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 14.8 | + 8.7 | |
| Clothing - Vêtement | - 1.6 | - 0.8 | + 4.7 |
| Quebec | - 3.5 | + 7.3 | |
| Ontario and Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 0.6 | - 8.0 | |
| Footwear - Chaussures | + 43.5 | - 26.2 | + 1.5 |
| Quebec | + 61.4 | - 45.8 | |
| Ontario | + 24.1 | + 12.1 | |
| Dry Goods - Marchandises sèches. | + 8.9 | + 6.6 | + 5.8 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 4.9 | + 11.5 | |
| Ontario | + 5.2 | - 2.6 | |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 20.8 | + 3.8 | |
| Fruits and Vegetables - Fruits et légumes | + 8.8 | + 0.5 | + 20.8 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 3.7 | + 1.1 | |
| Ontario | + 4.4 | + 9.2 | |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 16.7 | - 5.1 | |
| Groceries - Epiceries | + 6.4 | + 5.1 | + 20.4 |
| Maritimes | + 9.6 | + 5.5 | |
| Quebec | + 7.4 | + 10.4 | |
| Ontario | + 2.4 | + 1.9 | |
| Prairies | + 8.5 | - 0.4 | |
| British Columbia | + 7.4 | + 16.1 | |
| Hardware - Quincaillerie | + 25.0 | + 13.0 | + 3.0 |
| Maritimes | + 17.9 | + 14.0 | |
| Quebec | + 21.2 | + 18.3 | |
| Ontario | + 16.5 | + 11.1 | |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 29.4 | + 11.8 | |
| Tobacco and Confectionery - Tabacs et confiseries | + 1.0 | + 4.4 | + 8.9 |
| Quebec | - 0.4 | + 6.2 | |
| Ontario | + 2.2 | + 3.4 | |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 1.6 | + 3.0 | |
| Wholesale Trade - Commerce de gros -- | | | |
| Maritimes | + 10.2 | + 8.7 | |
| Quebec | + 7.4 | + 6.4 | |
| Ontario | + 6.3 | + 5.3 | |
| Prairies | + 14.4 | + 2.9 | |
| British Columbia | + 12.5 | + 12.8 | |
| CANADA | + 10.0 | + 5.9 | + 11.5 |

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CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF WHOLESALE TRADE, DECEMBER, 1936

An increase of 12.5 per cent in the dollar value of wholesale trade in Canada in December, 1936, over December, 1935, was shown by reports submitted by almost 200 wholesale houses operating in nine different kinds of business. Results presented separately by economic divisions or provinces indicate that the dollar value of sales in December over December a year ago increased in four divisions and decreased slightly in one. British Columbia showed the largest gain with an increase of 26.3 per cent, followed by the Maritimes (which reported the largest gain in November) with 20.2 per cent. Figures for the Prairie Provinces showed an increase of 19.0 per cent and Ontario was up 10.1 per cent. Quebec sales were down by 1.2 per cent. Increases in wholesale trade for December, 1936, in British Columbia, the Prairie Provinces and the Maritimes were larger than for any other month in the corresponding month comparison with 1935.

Gains were recorded in seven of the kind-of-business groups, ranging from 5.6 per cent in the Dry Goods trade to 32.8 per cent in the Hardware trade. In the Clothing group and in the Footwear group, decreases of 5.8 per cent and 28.1 per cent respectively were reported. Of the nine lines of trade for which data are secured, the Drug, Grocery and Hardware trades have reported increases for every month of 1936 over 1935.

The value of inventories for all kinds of business combined as on December 31, 1936, was 11.9 per cent higher than on the same date a year ago. The highest increases reported were in the Fruit and Vegetable trade with 34.9 per cent and in the Grocery trade with 19.5 per cent. These two groups also showed the largest increase in inventory value on November 30 compared with the corresponding date in 1935.

Along with December sales, reporting firms were asked to submit their sales for the calendar year, and results compiled from these figures indicate that the value of wholesale sales in Canada increased 7.9 per cent in 1936 over 1935. To what extent this increase is due to changes in actual amount of goods sold and to a rise in wholesale price levels cannot be definitely stated due to the lack of price indexes so constructed as to be strictly comparable. By economic divisions, the increases for the year ranged from 4.8 per cent in Ontario to 13.1 per cent in British Columbia. The Prairie Provinces showed a gain of 9.7 per cent; the Maritimes, 9.9 per cent, and Quebec, 6.7 per cent. When analyzed by kinds of business, every group shows an improvement in 1936 over 1935. The Hardware and Automotive groups both show gains of over 12 per cent, the Fruit and Vegetable trade almost 10 per cent, and the Drug and Grocery groups 7.5 per cent. The remaining groups reported varying percentage gains slightly lower than those already mentioned.

The attached table, in addition to giving data for each of nine specified kind-of-business groupings, also shows percentage changes in sales and inventory under the caption "Wholesale Trade". It should be noted that the figures given under this heading are composites derived from the data reported for each of the nine kind-of-business groupings only and do not reflect changes in value of wholesale trade in any other lines than those included in this survey.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade
Pourcentage des changements dans commerce au gros

| | Percentage change, 1936 compared with 1935 Pourcentage du changement, 1936 compare a 1935 | | | |
|---|--|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| | Sales : Ventes | | | Inventory Inventaire |
| | (1) | (2) | Year 1936 annee | December 1936 |
| | November 1936 Novembre 1935 | December 1936 Decembre 1935 | Year 1935 annee | Decembre 1935 |
| Automotive Equipment - Equipement automoteur | + 19.2 | + 18.9 | + 12.4 | + 12.3 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 11.5 | + 2.3 | + 13.6 | . |
| Ontario | + 20.0 | + 11.2 | + 9.1 | . |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 21.8 | + 31.4 | + 14.7 | . |
| Drugs - Drogues | + 8.9 | + 10.9 | + 7.5 | + 7.2 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario | + 9.0 | + 10.6 | + 7.3 | . |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 8.7 | + 12.0 | + 8.0 | . |
| Clothing - Vetement | - 0.4 | - 5.8 | + 3.8 | + 8.3 |
| Quebec | + 6.3 | - 16.0 | + 2.3 | . |
| Ontario and Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | - 8.0 | + 9.7 | + 5.8 | . |
| Footwear - Chaussures | - 9.6 | - 28.1 | + 6.5 | - 3.6 |
| Quebec | - 19.0 | - 37.8 | + 9.2 | . |
| Ontario | + 16.8 | + 2.4 | + 1.1 | . |
| Dry Goods - Marchandises seches | + 6.5 | + 5.6 | + 4.7 | + 5.6 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 11.7 | + 2.5 | + 6.0 | . |
| Ontario | + 2.4 | + 3.0 | + 0.1 | . |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 3.8 | + 19.4 | + 10.2 | . |
| Fruits and Vegetables - Fruits et legumes | + 4.2 | + 13.8 | + 9.9 | + 34.9 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 1.1 | + 4.2 | + 5.5 | . |
| Ontario | + 7.7 | + 8.7 | + 12.4 | . |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 3.1 | + 24.0 | + 10.4 | . |
| Groceries - Epiceries | + 5.0 | + 13.2 | + 7.5 | + 19.5 |
| Maritimes | + 5.4 | + 25.1 | + 12.6 | . |
| Quebec | + 10.4 | + 0.6 | + 5.4 | . |
| Ontario | + 1.9 | + 8.2 | + 2.7 | . |
| Prairies | - 0.3 | + 13.7 | + 9.4 | . |
| British Columbia | + 16.1 | + 28.0 | + 13.1 | . |
| Hardware - Quincaillerie | + 13.9 | + 32.8 | + 12.2 | + 7.2 |
| Maritimes | + 14.0 | + 23.1 | + 6.7 | . |
| Quebec | + 21.5 | + 29.2 | + 14.7 | . |
| Ontario | + 11.3 | + 31.1 | + 11.0 | . |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 12.0 | + 36.3 | + 12.6 | . |
| Tobacco and Confectionery - Tabacs et confiseries | + 4.5 | + 7.4 | + 4.4 | + 2.0 |
| Quebec | + 5.9 | + 2.7 | + 6.0 | . |
| Ontario | + 3.6 | + 12.1 | + 3.8 | . |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 3.6 | + 8.7 | + 2.8 | . |
| Wholesale Trade - Commerce de gros -- | | | | |
| Maritimes | + 8.6 | + 20.2 | + 9.9 | . |
| Quebec | + 7.5 | - 1.2 | + 6.7 | . |
| Ontario | + 5.4 | + 10.1 | + 4.8 | . |
| Prairies | + 3.8 | + 19.0 | + 9.7 | . |
| British Columbia | + 12.6 | + 26.3 | + 13.1 | . |
| CANADA | + 6.5 | + 12.5 | + 7.9 | + 11.9 |

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CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF WHOLESALE TRADE, JANUARY, 1937

The dollar value of wholesale trade in Canada for January, 1937, showed the substantial increase of 13.0 per cent over the corresponding month of 1936 according to reports secured from almost 200 wholesale houses operating in nine different lines of trade. When presented separately by geographical regions of the Dominion, the results indicate that combined wholesale sales in January increased in all divisions. The Maritimes and British Columbia showed the largest gains with increases over a year ago of 21.2 per cent and 19.3 per cent respectively. Quebec followed next with an increase of 14.3 per cent; Ontario sales were up 12.2 per cent, and the Prairie Provinces reported an increase of 9.3 per cent. Last month, the Maritimes had the second largest increase with a gain of 19.5 per cent, while British Columbia led with 26.3 per cent.

All of the wholesale trade groups shown in this report had increased sales in January over January of last year. The smallest increase was registered in the clothing group with 1.9 per cent and the largest was in the footwear group with a gain of 39.0 per cent. The fruit and vegetable and the hardware trades both show increases of over 20 per cent while the grocery and the tobacco and confectionery groups show gains of 10.7 per cent and 15.6 per cent respectively.

The value of inventories for all kinds of business combined as on January 31, 1937, was 18.0 per cent higher than on the same date last year. The greatest gains reported were in the grocery trade with 29.0 per cent and in the fruits and vegetables group with 22.4 per cent. The smallest gain was in the clothing group which also showed the smallest gain in dollar value of sales.

Revised figures for the calendar year 1936 over 1935 show no great differences from the preliminary figures issued last month, the percentage gain for wholesale trade in Canada as a whole only changing from .9 to 7.8 per cent.

The attached table, in addition to giving data for each of nine specified kind-of-business groupings, also shows percentage changes in sales and inventory under the caption "Wholesale Trade". It should be noted that the figures given under this heading are composites derived from the data reported for each of the nine kind-of-business groupings only and do not reflect changes in value of wholesale trade in any other lines than those included in this survey.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade
Pourcentage des changements dans commerce au gros

| | Percentage change, 1936 compared with 1935 Pourcentage du changement, 1936 compare a 1935 | | | |
|--|--|------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | Sales : Ventes | | | Inventory |
| | (1) | (1) | (2) | Inventaire |
| | December 1936 Decembre 1935 | Year 1936 annee Year 1935 annee | January 1937 Janvier 1936 | January 1937 Janvier 1936 |
| Automotive Equipment - Equipement automoteur | + 18.5 | + 12.2 | + 8.3 | + 11.0 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 2.3 | + 13.6 | + 14.1 | . |
| Ontario | + 12.2 | + 9.4 | + 7.0 | . |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 29.1 | + 14.0 | + 7.5 | . |
| Drugs - Drogues | + 11.0 | + 7.1 | + 9.7 | + 9.7 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 10.7 | + 6.8 | + 10.1 | . |
| clothing - Vetement | + 12.0 | + 8.0 | + 8.5 | . |
| Quebec | - 5.4 | + 3.6 | + 1.9 | + 2.7 |
| Ontario and Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | - 15.5 | + 2.3 | - 0.2 | . |
| Footwear - Chaussures | + 8.4 | + 5.1 | + 4.2 | . |
| Quebec | - 28.1 | + 6.5 | + 39.0 | + 21.2 |
| Ontario | - 37.8 | + 9.2 | + 42.1 | . |
| Dry Goods - Marchandises seches. Maritimes and Quebec | + 2.4 | + 1.1 | + 26.0 | . |
| Ontario | + 5.4 | + 4.6 | + 6.6 | + 7.9 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 2.2 | + 5.5 | + 0.4 | . |
| Ontario | + 3.0 | - 0.1 | + 10.4 | . |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 19.4 | + 10.2 | + 12.4 | . |
| Fruits and Vegetables - Fruits et legumes | + 13.6 | + 10.1 | + 21.1 | + 22.4 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 4.2 | + 5.5 | + 19.9 | . |
| Ontario | + 10.1 | + 12.0 | + 24.7 | . |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 24.0 | + 10.4 | + 18.3 | . |
| Groceries - Epiceries | + 13.1 | + 7.3 | + 10.7 | + 29.0 |
| Maritimes | + 23.5 | + 12.2 | + 23.2 | . |
| Quebec | + 3.6 | + 4.7 | + 15.5 | . |
| Ontario | + 8.3 | + 2.7 | + 7.6 | . |
| Prairies | + 13.6 | + 9.2 | + 4.8 | . |
| British Columbia | + 28.0 | + 13.1 | + 22.0 | . |
| Hardware - Quincaillerie | + 32.8 | + 12.2 | + 22.4 | + 13.4 |
| Maritimes | + 23.1 | + 6.7 | + 34.7 | . |
| Quebec | + 29.2 | + 14.7 | + 17.9 | . |
| Ontario | + 31.1 | + 11.0 | + 26.1 | . |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 36.3 | + 12.6 | + 21.0 | . |
| Tobacco and Confectionery - Tabacs et confiseries | + 8.2 | + 4.6 | + 15.6 | + 12.6 |
| Quebec | + 5.2 | + 6.3 | + 30.2 | . |
| Ontario | + 11.9 | + 3.8 | + 6.1 | . |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 8.7 | + 2.0 | + 4.4 | . |
| Wholesale Trade - Commerce de gros -- | | | | |
| Maritimes | + 19.5 | + 9.9 | + 21.2 | . |
| Quebec | + 0.3 | + 6.2 | + 14.3 | . |
| Ontario | + 10.2 | + 5.2 | + 12.2 | . |
| Prairies | + 18.8 | + 9.5 | + 9.3 | . |
| British Columbia | + 26.3 | + 13.1 | + 19.3 | . |
| CANADA | + 12.5 | + 7.8 | + 13.0 | + 18.0 |

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CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF WHOLESALE TRADE, FEBRUARY, 1937

The value of wholesale sales in Canada increased substantially in February, 1937, from February, 1936, according to reports submitted by almost 200 wholesale houses operating in nine different lines of trade. The total sales of reporting firms showed an increase of 12.5 per cent in February over the corresponding month last year, thus continuing the improvement recorded for every month of 1936 over the corresponding month of 1935 and for January, 1937, over January, 1936.

Results presented separately by economic divisions indicate that sales in February increased in all sections of the Dominion from February a year ago. The Maritimes reported the largest gain with an increase of 17.2 per cent, followed by the Prairie Provinces with 13.4 per cent and Quebec with 13.3 per cent. Ontario sales were up 11.5 per cent and British Columbia, which showed an increase last month of 20.9 per cent, indicated a gain of 10.1 per cent in the February comparison.

Improvements were recorded in all kind-of-business groups shown in this report. These ranged from 5.4 per cent in the Grocery trade to 38.2 per cent in the Footwear trade, which also reported the greatest gain in January over January of 1936. The Hardware trade again showed a substantial increase in the value of sales; in January the percentage gain for this group was 24.6 and in February, 25.7. The Clothing, Drugs, Dry Goods and the Fruit and Vegetable trades showed gains ranging between 16 and 19 per cent, while the Automotive and Tobacco and Confectionery groups recorded gains of 21.9 and 9.1 per cent respectively.

The value of inventories for all kinds of business combined as on February 28th, 1937, was 19.1 per cent higher than on the corresponding date a year ago. The highest increases reported were in the Fruit and Vegetables trade with 30.8 per cent, the Grocery trade with 29.7 per cent, and in the Footwear group with 29.2 per cent. The value of inventories in the Clothing trade showed the small increase of 1.7 per cent but sales for the same group were up 16.1 per cent.

The attached table, in addition to giving data for each of nine specified kind-of-business groupings, also shows percentage changes in sales and inventory under the caption "Wholesale Trade". It should be noted that the figures given under this heading are composites derived from the data reported for each of the nine kind-of-business groupings only and do not reflect changes in value of wholesale trade in any other lines than those included in this survey.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

Pourcentage des changements dans commerce au gros

| | Percentage change, 1937 compared with 1936 Pourcentage du changement, 1937 comparé à 1936 | | |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|---|
| | Sales -- Ventes | | Inventory |
| | (1) January 1937 Janvier 1936 | (2) February 1937 Février 1936 | Inventaire February 1937 Février 1936 |
| Automotive Equipment -- Équipement automoteur | + 11.1 | + 21.9 | + 8.4 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 26.0 | + 26.4 | |
| Ontario | + 7.0 | + 15.6 | |
| Western Provinces -- de l'Ouest | + 7.5 | + 23.6 | |
| Drugs -- Drogues | + 11.0 | + 16.4 | + 11.1 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario . | + 11.2 | + 16.6 | |
| Western Provinces -- de l'Ouest | + 10.4 | + 15.9 | |
| Clothing -- Vêtement | + 2.6 | + 16.1 | + 1.7 |
| Quebec | + 1.8 | + 17.0 | |
| Ontario and Western Provinces -- de l'Ouest | + 3.5 | + 15.6 | |
| Footwear -- Chaussures | + 40.6 | + 38.2 | + 29.2 |
| Quebec | + 42.1 | + 25.8 | |
| Ontario | + 35.3 | + 70.0 | |
| Dry Goods -- Marchandises sèches. | + 6.8 | + 18.3 | + 6.8 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 0.4 | + 21.4 | |
| Ontario | + 10.9 | + 18.7 | |
| Western Provinces -- de l'Ouest | + 11.5 | + 12.8 | |
| Fruits and Vegetables -- Fruits et légumes | + 20.7 | + 18.4 | + 30.8 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 19.7 | + 12.0 | |
| Ontario | + 23.6 | + 14.7 | |
| Western Provinces -- de l'Ouest | + 18.4 | + 23.7 | |
| Groceries -- Epiceries | + 10.8 | + 5.4 | + 29.7 |
| Maritimes | + 22.1 | + 11.1 | |
| Quebec | + 14.8 | + 4.4 | |
| Ontario | + 7.7 | + 1.2 | |
| Prairies | + 4.8 | + 6.6 | |
| British Columbia | + 22.0 | + 9.0 | |
| Hardware -- Quincaillerie | + 24.6 | + 25.7 | + 18.3 |
| Maritimes | + 34.7 | + 35.9 | |
| Quebec | + 17.9 | + 29.9 | |
| Ontario | + 26.1 | + 47.8 | |
| Western Provinces -- de l'Ouest | + 25.2 | + 18.7 | |
| Tobacco and Confectionery -- Tabacs et confiseries | + 15.2 | + 9.1 | + 7.7 |
| Quebec | + 30.2 | + 10.2 | |
| Ontario | + 5.8 | + 7.8 | |
| Western Provinces -- de l'Ouest | + 5.2 | + 9.0 | |
| Wholesale Trade -- Commerce de gros: | | | |
| Maritimes | + 21.4 | + 17.2 | |
| Quebec | + 14.4 | + 13.3 | |
| Ontario | + 12.1 | + 11.5 | |
| Prairies | + 9.4 | + 13.4 | |
| British Columbia | + 20.9 | + 10.1 | |
| CANADA | + 13.5 | + 12.5 | + 19.1 |

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MONTHLY WHOLESALE TRADE, MARCH, 1937

(Value of Turnover in Comparison With Previous Year)

formerly

"Changes in the Value of Wholesale Trade"

Substantial improvement in the value of wholesale trade in Canada in 1937 as compared with 1936 is reflected in monthly returns received from almost 200 wholesale houses operating in nine lines of trade whose aggregate sales for March were 20.2 per cent higher than for March a year ago. This improvement is a continuation of the series of gains recorded for every month of 1936 over the corresponding month of 1935 and for January and February of 1937 over the same months in 1936, and is greater than for any month since the commencement of this monthly survey almost a year and a half ago. Total sales for the first three months in 1937 were 16.0 per cent higher than for the first quarter of 1936, this also being a record in quarterly comparisons of wholesale sales.

Combined sales of all reporting firms for March, when presented by economic divisions, showed that, while gains over March, 1936, were generally reported, relative improvement was not uniform for all sections of the Dominion. British Columbia, which showed the smallest gain in February, reported the largest increase for March with 31.7 per cent, followed by the Maritimes with 24.3 per cent and the Prairies with 23.0 per cent. Quebec sales were up 17.4 per cent and in Ontario an increase of 14.4 per cent was recorded. For the first quarter over the corresponding period a year ago, British Columbia again showed the largest percentage gain with 21.2 and Ontario the lowest with 12.7.

All of the wholesale trade groups included in this survey had increased sales in March, 1937, over March, 1936. The largest increase was shown in the hardware trade with 39.6 per cent and the smallest, 7.3 per cent, was recorded in the footwear group, which showed the largest gains in both January and February this year over the same months a year ago. The grocery trade, which reported the lowest increase in February, recorded the substantial improvement of 19.3 per cent for March. Group totals for the first quarter of 1937 showed the hardware group again leading with a gain of 32.4 per cent followed by the footwear group with 21.7 per cent and the fruit and vegetable trade with 20.5 per cent. The smallest gain in the three-month comparison was found in the dry goods trade with 11.8 per cent.

The value of inventories for all kinds of business combined as on March 31st, 1937, was 19.4 per cent higher than on the same date a year ago and, by kinds of business, ranged from a gain of 4.5 per cent in the clothing trade to a 32.2 per cent increase in the fruit and vegetable trade.

The attached table, in addition to giving data for each of nine specified kind-of-business groupings, also shows percentage changes in sales and inventory under the caption "Wholesale Trade". It should be noted that the figures given under this heading are composites derived from the data reported for each of the nine kind-of-business groupings only and do not reflect changes in value of wholesale trade in any other lines than those included in this survey.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade
Pourcentage des changements dans commerce au gros

| | Percentage Change, 1937 Compared with 1936 Pourcentage du changement, 1937 comparé à 1936 | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| | Sales - Ventes | | | Inventory Inventaire |
| | (1) February 1937 Février 1936 | (2) March 1937 Mars 1936 | First Quar- ter 1937 Premier tri- mestre 1936 | |
| Automotive Equipment - Équipement automoteur . | + 22.1 | + 16.0 | + 16.2 | + 11.2 |
| Maritimes and Quebec .. | + 26.4 | - 0.6 | + 14.5 | |
| Ontario | + 16.4 | + 14.5 | + 12.6 | |
| Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest | + 23.6 | + 27.0 | + 19.6 | + 7.5 |
| Drugs - Drogues | + 16.4 | + 10.9 | + 12.4 | |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario | + 16.6 | + 13.2 | + 13.2 | |
| Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest | + 15.9 | + 5.1 | + 10.3 | + 4.5 |
| Clothing - Vêtement | + 16.1 | + 21.1 | + 15.7 | |
| Quebec | + 17.0 | + 24.7 | + 17.7 | |
| Ontario and Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest | + 15.6 | + 19.2 | + 14.6 | + 11.4 |
| Footwear - Chaussures ... | + 38.2 | + 7.3 | + 21.7 | |
| Quebec | + 25.8 | - 2.2 | + 14.0 | |
| Ontario | + 70.0 | + 29.6 | + 40.9 | + 7.7 |
| Dry Goods - Marchandises sèches | + 19.1 | + 9.2 | + 11.8 | |
| Maritimes and Quebec .. | + 21.4 | + 4.5 | + 8.7 | |
| Ontario | + 20.7 | + 10.1 | + 13.5 | + 32.2 |
| Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest | + 12.8 | + 18.3 | + 15.4 | |
| Fruits and Vegetables - Fruits et légumes | + 18.3 | + 21.8 | + 20.5 | |
| Maritimes and Quebec .. | + 16.5 | + 28.8 | + 22.0 | + 29.9 |
| Ontario | + 13.8 | + 17.1 | + 17.9 | |
| Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest | + 23.7 | + 22.7 | + 22.3 | |
| Groceries - Epiceries ... | + 5.4 | + 19.3 | + 12.0 | + 21.4 |
| Maritimes | + 11.1 | + 22.8 | + 18.7 | |
| Quebec | + 4.4 | + 18.2 | + 13.1 | |
| Ontario | + 0.9 | + 10.3 | + 6.4 | + 4.7 |
| Prairies | + 7.0 | + 23.9 | + 12.2 | |
| British Columbia | + 9.0 | + 27.5 | + 19.3 | |
| Hardware - Quincaillerie. | + 27.9 | + 39.6 | + 32.4 | + 19.4 |
| Maritimes | + 35.9 | + 47.3 | + 40.6 | |
| Quebec | + 39.6 | + 48.7 | + 39.5 | |
| Ontario | + 47.8 | + 31.9 | + 34.6 | + 8.6 |
| Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest | + 18.7 | + 38.3 | + 28.7 | |
| Tobacco and Confectionery - Tabacs et confiseries | + 8.6 | + 19.4 | + 14.6 | |
| Quebec | + 9.5 | + 25.7 | + 21.5 | + 12.7 |
| Ontario | + 7.8 | + 15.0 | + 9.7 | |
| Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest | + 8.2 | + 14.0 | + 8.6 | |
| Wholesale Trade - Commerce de gros -- | | | | + 15.9 |
| Maritimes | + 16.8 | + 24.3 | + 21.1 | |
| Quebec | + 15.2 | + 17.4 | + 16.6 | |
| Ontario | + 11.3 | + 14.4 | + 12.7 | + 21.2 |
| Prairies | + 13.5 | + 23.0 | + 15.9 | |
| British Columbia | + 10.0 | + 31.7 | + 21.2 | |
| CANADA | + 12.9 | + 20.2 | + 16.0 | |

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(MONTHLY) WHOLESALE TRADE, APRIL, 1937

(Value of Turnover in Comparison With Previous Year)

formerly

"Changes in the Value of Wholesale Trade"

Marked improvement in the dollar value of wholesale sales in Canada in 1937 as compared with last year is reflected in monthly returns submitted by almost 200 wholesale houses operating in nine different lines of trade whose aggregate sales for April were 15.6 per cent higher than for April of last year. This improvement is a continuation of the advances indicated in each of the monthly comparisons of 1936 with 1935 and in each month of the current year with the corresponding month last year.

Results, when presented separately by economic divisions, indicate that for combined sales of all reporting firms, gains were recorded in all sections of the Dominion. British Columbia, which reported the largest gain in March with 31.7 per cent, again showed the greatest improvement with an advance of 23.7 per cent over April of 1936. Quebec followed with the substantial gain of 18.4 per cent, the Maritimes with 17.6 per cent, the Prairies with 15.3 per cent, while Ontario sales were up 10.2 per cent.

Improvements were recorded in all kind-of-business groups included in this report. These ranged from 4.1 per cent in the Clothing trade to 39.0 per cent in the Hardware trade, which also reported the greatest gain in March over March last year and for the first quarter over the corresponding period of 1936. The Footwear trade, which reported substantial gains in the first two months of this year, showed an improvement of 32.3 per cent over April a year ago. The lowest percentage increase occurred in the Clothing trade, where the gain was registered as 4.1.

The value of inventories for all kinds of business combined as on April 30th, 1937, was 18.2 per cent higher than on the same date in 1936. Seven of the kind-of-business groups reported increases; the Tobacco and confectionery trade was down 30.1 per cent; and the value of inventories in the Footwear group remained unchanged. The Clothing group, with 2.7 per cent, and the Drug trade, with 3.8 per cent, reported the smallest increases while the Fruit and vegetable trade, with an improvement of almost 40 per cent in inventory value, registered the largest.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade
Pourcentage des changements dans commerce au gros

| | Percentage change, 1937 compared with 1936 - Pourcentage du changement, 1937 comparé à 1936 | | |
|--|---|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | Sales - Ventes | | Inventory |
| | (1) March 1937 Mars 1936 | (2) April 1937 Avril 1936 | Inventory April 1937 Avril 1936 |
| Automotive Equipment - Equipement automoteur | + 16.0 | + 14.2 | + 10.5 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 0.6 | - 1.5 | |
| Ontario | + 14.5 | + 6.0 | |
| Western Provinces.--de l'ouest | + 27.0 | + 31.2 | |
| Drugs - Drogues | + 10.7 | + 12.4 | + 3.8 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario | + 12.8 | + 12.6 | |
| Western Provinces.--de l'ouest | + 5.1 | + 12.0 | |
| Clothing - Vêtement | + 21.1 | + 4.1 | + 2.7 |
| Quebec | + 24.7 | + 9.2 | |
| Ontario and Western Provinces.--de l'ouest | + 19.2 | + 1.7 | |
| Footwear - Chaussures | + 0.2 | + 32.3 | (X) |
| Quebec | - 12.3 | + 39.7 | |
| Ontario | + 29.6 | + 19.6 | |
| Dry Goods - Marchandises sèches | + 9.3 | + 9.8 | + 10.1 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 4.5 | + 10.6 | |
| Ontario | + 10.1 | + 1.7 | |
| Western Provinces.--de l'ouest | + 18.4 | + 19.7 | |
| Fruits and Vegetables - Fruits et légumes | + 22.4 | + 17.8 | + 39.5 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 28.2 | + 16.0 | |
| Ontario | + 17.1 | + 8.3 | |
| Western Provinces.--de l'ouest | + 24.4 | + 28.5 | |
| Groceries - Epiceries | + 19.2 | + 8.4 | + 25.5 |
| Maritimes | + 22.8 | + 19.9 | |
| Quebec | + 18.7 | + 15.6 | |
| Ontario | + 10.4 | + 8.3 | |
| Prairies | + 23.4 | + 1.7 | |
| British Columbia | + 27.5 | + 13.9 | |
| Hardware - Quincaillerie | + 39.6 | + 39.0 | + 28.4 |
| Maritimes | + 47.3 | + 22.1 | |
| Quebec | + 48.7 | + 31.7 | |
| Ontario | + 31.9 | + 33.1 | |
| Western Provinces.--de l'ouest | + 38.3 | + 44.9 | |
| Tobacco and Confectionery - Tabacs et confiseries | + 19.0 | + 19.6 | - 30.1 |
| Quebec | + 25.7 | + 29.1 | |
| Ontario | + 15.0 | + 15.0 | |
| Western Provinces.--de l'ouest | + 14.2 | + 10.3 | |
| Wholesale Trade - Commerce de gros: | | | |
| Maritimes | + 24.0 | + 17.6 | + 18.2 |
| Quebec | + 16.5 | + 18.4 | |
| Ontario | + 14.4 | + 10.2 | |
| Prairies | + 22.9 | + 15.3 | |
| British Columbia | + 31.7 | + 23.7 | |
| CANADA | + 20.1 | + 15.6 | |

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(MONTHLY) WHOLESALE TRADE, MAY, 1937

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"Changes in the Value of Wholesale Trade"

Improvement in dollar volume of wholesale trade in May this year compared with last, while less marked than that recorded in the corresponding comparisons for the four preceding months, was still substantial, according to monthly statements received from about 200 wholesale houses in nine different lines of trade. Aggregate sales of these wholesale merchants averaged 11 per cent higher this May than last while corresponding ratios for earlier months are 16 per cent for April, 20 per cent for March, 13 per cent for February and 14 per cent for January.

All sections of the country shared in the improvement over last year. British Columbia, which has generally reported the greatest increases, continues to lead the advance with a gain of 21 per cent over May last year. Quebec, which was second in point of view of increased sales in April, again came second in May with a gain of 17 per cent. The Maritime Provinces were next with the substantial increase of 14 per cent followed by the Prairie Provinces with 9 per cent and Ontario with 7 per cent.

Figures for the various kind-of-business groups show increases over May a year ago ranging from 8 per cent for the grocery trade to 17 per cent for the hardware trade. Gains over May, 1936, for the other groups are: fruits and vegetables, 15 per cent; automotive equipment, 15 per cent; tobacco and confectionery, 13 per cent; footwear, 12 per cent; dry goods, 12 per cent; clothing, 9 per cent, and drugs, 8 per cent.

Value of inventories for all kinds of business combined was 16 per cent higher at the end of May this year than on the same date a year ago. All groups reported increases in this respect ranging from 1 per cent for tobacco and confectionery to 29 per cent for hardware.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade
Pourcentage des changements dans commerce au gros

| | Percentage Change, 1937 Compared with 1936 : Pourcentage du changement, 1937 compare a 1936 | | |
|--|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| | Sales - Ventes | | Inventory |
| | (1) | (2) | Inventaire |
| | April 1937 Avril 1936 | May 1937 Mai 1936 | May 1937 Mai 1936 |
| Automotive Equipment - Equipement automoteur | + 16.7 | + 15.1 | + 8.0 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 1.5 | + 5.9 | |
| Ontario | + 4.7 | + 7.6 | |
| Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest | + 33.9 | + 21.6 | |
| Drugs - Drogues | + 12.2 | + 8.1 | + 4.3 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario | + 12.6 | + 9.1 | |
| Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest | + 11.2 | + 5.4 | |
| Clothing - Vetement | + 6.0 | + 8.5 | + 11.3 |
| Quebec | + 9.2 | + 21.5 | |
| Ontario and Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest | + 4.5 | + 4.2 | |
| Footwear - Chaussures | + 32.3 | + 11.8 | + 3.9 |
| Quebec | + 39.7 | + 12.4 | |
| Ontario | + 19.6 | + 10.8 | |
| Dry Goods - Marchandises seches | + 10.2 | + 12.0 | + 10.2 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 12.6 | + 16.1 | |
| Ontario | + 1.0 | + 2.8 | |
| Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest | + 19.7 | + 16.2 | |
| Fruits and Vegetables - Fruits et legumes | + 17.3 | + 15.3 | + 18.9 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 16.0 | + 29.1 | |
| Ontario | + 8.3 | + 10.0 | |
| Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest | + 26.7 | + 16.2 | |
| Groceries - Epiceries | + 8.4 | + 7.7 | + 15.4 |
| Maritimes | + 19.6 | + 11.3 | |
| Quebec | + 14.2 | + 15.3 | |
| Ontario | + 8.4 | + 4.8 | |
| Prairies | + 1.7 | + 5.2 | |
| British Columbia | + 13.9 | + 15.9 | |
| Hardware - Quincaillerie | + 38.9 | + 17.3 | + 28.7 |
| Maritimes | + 22.1 | + 30.7 | |
| Quebec | + 33.3 | + 26.1 | |
| Ontario | + 33.1 | + 6.5 | |
| Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest | + 44.9 | + 16.9 | |
| Tobacco and Confectionery - Tabacs et confiseries | + 19.6 | + 12.9 | + 1.2 |
| Quebec | + 29.1 | + 17.6 | |
| Ontario | + 15.0 | + 10.0 | |
| Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest | + 10.3 | + 7.0 | |
| Wholesale Trade - Commerce de gros: | | | |
| Maritimes | + 17.5 | + 14.1 | |
| Quebec | + 19.3 | + 17.3 | |
| Ontario | + 10.0 | + 6.6 | |
| Prairies | + 15.6 | + 8.6 | |
| British Columbia | + 23.0 | + 22.4 | |
| CANADA | + 15.7 | + 11.4 | + 15.6 |

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(MONTHLY) WHOLESALE TRADE, JUNE, 1937

(Value of Turnover in Comparison with Previous Year)

Continued increase in the dollar value of wholesale sales was shown by statements received from approximately 200 wholesale firms for the month of June. The value of wholesale trade for these firms was 12.1 per cent higher in June, 1937, than in June, 1936, while sales in the second quarter (April, May and June) of 1937 showed an increase of 13.1 per cent over the same period in 1936.

Wholesale sales for June, 1937, showed an increase over June, 1936, in all parts of Canada. British Columbia continued to show the greatest improvement with an increase of 25.2 per cent, while the Maritime Provinces came second with 14.8 per cent. The province of Quebec had an increase in sales of 13.6 per cent over June a year ago; Ontario, 9.8 per cent, and the Prairie Provinces, 7.3 per cent.

Substantial increases were shown in each kind of business for June, 1937, compared with the same month last year. These ranged from 20.3 per cent in the hardware trade to 5.5 per cent in the fruits and vegetables trade. Percentage increases in sales in the other groups were: tobacco and confectionery, 15.1 per cent; drugs, 12.0 per cent; groceries, 11.9 per cent; automotive equipment, 10.7 per cent; clothing, 10.2 per cent; dry goods, 9.6 per cent, and footwear, 7.0 per cent.

For the three-month period, each trade showed an increase over the same period in 1936. The hardware trade showed the greatest increase, 25.5 per cent, while the smallest increase for the quarter, 9.0 per cent, was shown by the clothing group.

The value of inventory as on June 30, 1937, for all kinds of business combined was 19.4 per cent higher than on the same date in 1936. All trades recorded higher values of inventories, percentage increases ranging from 7.0 per cent in the drugs trade to 32.5 per cent in the hardware trade.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade
Pourcentage des changements dans commerce au gros

| | Percentage Change, 1937 Compared With 1936 Pourcentage du changement, 1937 compare a 1936 | | | |
|---|---|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Sales -- Ventes | | | Inventory Inventaire |
| | (1) | (2) | Second Quarter 1937 | |
| | May 1937 Mai 1936 | June 1937 Juin 1936 | Deuxieme trimestre 1936 | |
| Automotive Equipment -- Equipement | | | | |
| automoteur | + 14.2 | + 10.7 | + 13.9 | + 10.4 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 15.1 | + 16.7 | + 9.4 | |
| Ontario | + 0.3 | + 17.8 | + 7.4 | |
| Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest | + 21.6 | + 4.6 | + 19.6 | |
| Drugs -- Drogues | + 8.1 | + 12.0 | + 10.4 | + 7.0 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario | + 9.1 | + 13.1 | + 11.1 | |
| Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest | + 5.4 | + 9.1 | + 8.6 | |
| Clothing -- Vetement | + 9.0 | + 10.2 | + 9.0 | + 12.1 |
| Quebec | + 15.6 | + 4.3 | + 10.5 | |
| Ontario and Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest | + 4.2 | + 16.5 | + 7.7 | |
| Footwear -- Chaussures | + 11.8 | + 7.0 | + 16.6 | + 21.6 |
| Quebec | + 12.4 | + 6.7 | + 18.9 | |
| Ontario | + 10.8 | + 7.7 | + 12.6 | |
| Dry Goods -- Marchandises seches | + 12.0 | + 9.6 | + 11.0 | + 11.2 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 16.1 | + 17.1 | + 15.4 | |
| Ontario | + 2.8 | + 0.8 | + 1.9 | |
| Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest | + 16.2 | + 5.5 | + 14.0 | |
| Fruits and Vegetables -- Fruits et legumes | + 11.9 | + 5.5 | + 11.0 | + 17.7 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 18.6 | + 0.2 | + 10.4 | |
| Ontario | + 10.0 | + 9.5 | + 7.3 | |
| Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest | + 10.8 | + 5.6 | + 13.7 | |
| Groceries -- Epiceries | + 8.3 | + 11.9 | + 9.7 | + 17.9 |
| Maritimes | + 11.3 | + 15.2 | + 15.2 | |
| Quebec | + 11.0 | + 15.1 | + 14.8 | |
| Ontario | + 4.8 | + 7.7 | + 6.9 | |
| Prairies | + 5.3 | + 7.2 | + 4.5 | |
| British Columbia | + 18.0 | + 28.0 | + 19.9 | |
| Hardware - Quincaillerie | + 18.5 | + 20.3 | + 25.5 | + 32.5 |
| Maritimes | + 30.7 | + 15.9 | + 22.6 | |
| Quebec | + 29.3 | + 20.7 | + 27.6 | |
| Ontario | + 6.5 | + 20.6 | + 19.4 | |
| Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest | + 16.7 | + 20.6 | + 26.9 | |
| Tobacco and Confectionery -- Tabacs et confiseries | + 12.2 | + 15.1 | + 15.8 | + 7.8 |
| Quebec | + 17.1 | + 20.2 | + 21.8 | |
| Ontario | + 10.0 | + 13.0 | + 12.5 | |
| Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest | + 7.6 | + 9.5 | + 8.6 | |
| Wholesale Trade -- Commerce de gros - | | | | |
| Maritimes | + 14.8 | + 14.8 | + 15.9 | |
| Quebec | + 15.9 | + 13.6 | + 16.5 | |
| Ontario | + 6.5 | + 9.8 | + 8.5 | |
| Prairies | + 7.5 | + 7.3 | + 10.0 | |
| British Columbia | + 21.5 | + 25.2 | + 23.7 | |
| CANADA | + 11.2 | + 12.1 | + 13.1 | + 19.4 |

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MONTHLY WHOLESALE TRADE, JULY, 1937

(Value of Turnover in Comparison With Previous Year)

Value of wholesale trade increased 8 per cent in July, 1937, compared with the same month a year ago according to returns submitted by almost 200 wholesale firms covering nine different lines of business. The July increase, although substantial, was less marked than those for the immediately preceding months, which were 13 per cent for June, 11 per cent for May and 16 per cent for April.

British Columbia continues to report the best improvement with an increase of 19 per cent over July last year. The Maritime Provinces came second with a gain of 12 per cent, followed by Quebec with 11 per cent; the Prairie Provinces and Ontario both reported increases of 5 per cent. In all divisions, percentage gains for July were somewhat smaller than the corresponding June figures.

Wholesale tobacco and confectionery firms reported 19 per cent more business in July this year compared with last; the hardware trade was up 18 per cent; dry goods, 15 per cent, and the clothing group, 14 per cent. More moderate advances were reported for drugs at 10 per cent and automotive equipment, 8 per cent. The fruit and vegetables group remained unchanged compared with July, 1936, while the footwear group declined 9 per cent in the same comparison.

In the wholesale grocery trade a pronounced increase of 20 per cent in British Columbia was modified by lesser gains of 9 per cent in the Maritimes, 6 per cent in the Prairies, 3 per cent in Quebec and 2 per cent in Ontario, resulting in a net gain of 7 per cent for the group as a whole.

Value of inventories for all kinds of business combined was 16 per cent higher at the end of July this year than on the same date a year ago. The footwear group reported the greatest increase in this respect at 40 per cent, followed by fruits and vegetables at 28 per cent.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade
Pourcentage des changements dans commerce au gros

| | Percentage change, 1937 compared with 1936 Pourcentage du changement, 1937 compare a 1936 | | |
|---|--|----------------------------------|--|
| | Sales - Ventes | | Inventory |
| | (1) June 1937 Juin 1936 | (2) July 1937 Juillet 1936 | Inventory Inventaire July 1937 Juillet 1936 |
| Automotive Equipment - Equipement automoteur. | + 10.7 | + 8.4 | + 8.0 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 16.7 | + 13.5 | |
| Ontario | + 17.8 | + 21.6 | |
| Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest | + 4.6 | - 0.6 | |
| Drugs - Drogues | + 12.0 | + 10.1 | + 6.7 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario | + 13.0 | + 12.5 | |
| Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest | + 9.1 | + 3.7 | |
| Clothing - Vetement | + 10.2 | + 14.2 | + 14.9 |
| Quebec | + 4.3 | + 17.8 | |
| Ontario and Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest | + 16.5 | + 10.9 | |
| Shoes - Chaussures | + 7.0 | - 9.1 | + 40.3 |
| Quebec | + 6.7 | - 18.8 | |
| Ontario | + 7.7 | + 25.5 | |
| Goods - Marchandises seches | + 14.5 | + 14.9 | + 12.5 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 17.2 | + 16.1 | |
| Ontario | + 16.3 | + 15.6 | |
| Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest | + 5.5 | + 11.7 | |
| Fruits and Vegetables - Fruits et legumes ... | + 6.9 | + 0.5 | + 28.3 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 0.2 | + 10.0 | |
| Ontario | + 13.6 | - 7.7 | |
| Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest | + 5.0 | + 3.6 | |
| Groceries - Epiceries | + 12.3 | + 6.5 | + 7.5 |
| Maritimes | + 15.2 | + 9.3 | |
| Quebec | + 17.7 | + 2.7 | |
| Ontario | + 7.7 | + 2.0 | |
| Prairies | + 6.9 | + 5.7 | |
| British Columbia | + 28.0 | + 20.2 | |
| Hardware - Quincaillerie | + 20.6 | + 17.6 | + 29.7 |
| Maritimes | + 15.9 | + 23.9 | |
| Quebec | + 20.7 | + 24.2 | |
| Ontario | + 20.6 | + 20.2 | |
| Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest | + 21.0 | + 14.4 | |
| Tobacco and Confectionery - Tabacs et confiseries | + 14.9 | + 19.1 | - 1.5 |
| Quebec | + 20.2 | + 29.9 | |
| Ontario | + 13.0 | + 12.4 | |
| Western Provinces.--de l'Ouest | + 9.3 | + 8.7 | |
| Wholesale Trade - Commerce de gros -- | | | |
| Maritimes | + 15.0 | + 11.8 | |
| Quebec | + 14.2 | + 10.7 | |
| Ontario | + 11.9 | + 4.5 | |
| Prairies | + 7.2 | + 5.0 | |
| British Columbia | + 24.3 | + 18.7 | |
| CANADA | + 12.7 | + 8.2 | + 16.4 |

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MONTHLY WHOLESALE TRADE, AUGUST, 1937

Summary

Aggregate dollar sales for some 200 contributing wholesale firms in Canada and covering nine different lines of business were 9.0 percent higher in August of this year compared with the same month a year ago. This improvement is a continuation of the increases recorded for every month since the beginning of this series of reports in January, 1936, and it brings the index of sales for August to 98.2 on the basis of the average monthly sales in 1930 as 100.

All of the nine trade groups shown in this report had increased sales in August this year over the same month last year, improvements ranging from 0.3 percent for Fruits and Vegetables to 23.2 percent for Footwear being recorded. Percentage changes for other groups were: Groceries, 5.2; Automotive, 7.4; Clothing, 15.4; Hardware, 15.8; Tobacco and Confectionery, 17.3; Dry Goods, 17.4; and Drugs, 17.9.

Results presented separately by geographical regions or economic divisions indicate that wholesale sales this August compared with last made the best showing in British Columbia where they were up 19.5 percent. Increases for other divisions were: Ontario, 8.7 percent; Maritimes, 14.8 percent; and Quebec, 18.6 percent; while a decrease of 0.9 percent was shown in the Prairie Provinces.

Value of inventories for all kinds of business combined was 13.3 percent higher at the end of August this year than on the same date a year ago. The Footwear group reported the greatest increase in this respect at 47.1 percent, followed by Hardware at 24.7 percent, while the Automotive group and the Tobacco and Confectionery group reported decreases of 2.3 percent and 1.4 percent respectively.

Indexes of Sales

Monthly data on wholesale sales submitted by a representative number of wholesale merchants are now available for the period commencing January, 1935. Previous issues of this monthly bulletin took the form of simple comparisons showing the percentage change in sales between corresponding months in consecutive years. With this issue the report is enlarged to include, not only the inter-year comparisons previously shown, but also a complete series of monthly index numbers. These indexes are given in the attached tables and are also shown graphically in the charts which follow.

Although the period over which monthly data are available is too short to permit an extensive study of seasonal variations in wholesale trade, a general impression of the main seasonal movements is readily obtained from the attached charts. Seasonal variations are of relatively little importance in the wholesale drug trade, a line of business dealing chiefly in commodities subject to regular and continuous demand. In all other lines of business, for which data are available, these seasonal swings are of significant proportions and occur with great regularity at the same period in successive years.

Method of Construction of Indexes

Indexes of sales for each month in 1935 were first computed on an average 1935 basis by expressing total sales for each month as a percentage of the average monthly sales in the same year. These indexes for 1935 were then reduced to the basis of average monthly sales in 1930, using the ratio of annual sales in 1935 to 1930 as obtained from the results of the annual Census of Merchandising Establishments. The index for any month in 1936 was obtained by multiplying the ratio of sales in that month to the corresponding month in 1935 by the index for that earlier month which is now known. Similarly, figures for any month in 1937 were obtained from the 1936 indexes and 1937 to 1936 ratios.

For example, aggregate sales of the contributing group of wholesale grocers in Ontario for January, 1935, formed 90.4 percent of the average monthly sales of that same group of firms for the same year. In other words, the January, 1935, index was 90.4 on the basis of average monthly sales in 1935 equals 100. However, results of the annual Census of Merchandising show that wholesale grocery sales in Ontario in 1935 formed 94.8 percent of the 1930 figure. Evidently, average monthly sales in the two years are in the same ratio to each other.

The index for January, 1935, was 90.4 on the basis of average sales in that year equals 100. Evidently this index is too high when related to the larger base obtaining in 1930. The correct index is obtained by taking 94.8 percent of 90.4, giving 85.7 as the January figure on the 1930 base.

Comparative sales figures submitted for January, 1935 and 1936, showed that sales in the latter period formed only 96.2 percent of those in the earlier month. The index for January, 1935, stood at 85.7. The January, 1936, index is, therefore, equal to 96.2 percent of this figure, or 82.4.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade
Pourcentage des changements dans commerce au gros

| | Percentage change, 1937 compared with 1936 : Pourcentage du changement, 1937 compare a 1936. | | |
|---|--|---------------------------------|--|
| | Sales - Ventes | | Inventory |
| | (1) July 1937 Juillet 1936 | (2) August 1937 Aout 1936 | Inventaire August 1937 Aout 1936 |
| Automotive Equipment - Equipement | | | |
| automoteur | + 7.3 | + 7.4 | - 2.3 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 13.5 | + 44.3 | |
| Ontario | + 16.5 | + 14.9 | |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | - 0.6 | - 7.2 | |
| Drugs - Drogues | + 10.2 | + 17.9 | + 6.3 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario | + 12.5 | + 21.5 | |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 3.7 | + 8.7 | |
| Clothing - Vetement | + 12.6 | + 15.4 | + 8.9 |
| Quebec | + 18.2 | + 20.9 | |
| Ontario and Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 7.5 | + 9.8 | |
| Footwear - Chaussures | - 9.1 | + 23.2 | + 47.1 |
| Quebec | - 18.8 | + 30.5 | |
| Ontario | + 25.5 | + 7.5 | |
| Dry Goods - Marchandises seches | + 14.4 | + 17.4 | + 12.5 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 16.2 | + 20.6 | |
| Ontario | + 15.6 | + 21.6 | |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 10.5 | + 10.0 | |
| Fruits and Vegetables - Fruits et legumes | - 1.2 | + 0.8 | + 17.5 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 4.6 | + 24.4 | |
| Ontario | - 8.0 | + 1.3 | |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 2.0 | - 5.0 | |
| Groceries - Epiceries | + 6.2 | + 5.2 | + 4.8 |
| Maritimes | + 9.3 | + 13.1 | |
| Quebec | + 1.6 | + 2.6 | |
| Ontario | + 2.0 | + 4.0 | |
| Prairies | + 5.4 | + 0.5 | |
| British Columbia | + 20.2 | + 16.3 | |
| Hardware - Quincaillerie | + 18.5 | + 15.8 | + 24.7 |
| Maritimes | + 22.4 | + 7.7 | |
| Quebec | + 26.9 | + 30.0 | |
| Ontario | + 20.2 | + 18.1 | |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 14.4 | + 11.3 | |
| Tobacco and Confectionery - Tabacs et confiseries | + 17.8 | + 17.3 | - 1.4 |
| Quebec | + 29.9 | + 27.1 | |
| Ontario | + 11.2 | + 15.0 | |
| Western Provinces - de l'Ouest | + 8.0 | + 4.8 | |
| Wholesale Trade - Commerce de gros -- | | | |
| Maritimes | + 11.6 | + 14.8 | |
| Quebec | + 10.5 | + 18.6 | |
| Ontario | + 4.2 | + 8.7 | |
| Prairies | + 4.5 | - 0.9 | |
| British Columbia | + 18.7 | + 19.5 | |
| CANADA | + 7.9 | + 9.0 | + 13.3 |

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| Year and Month | WHOLESALE TRADE | | | | | AUTOMOTIVE | | | | DRUGS | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|------------------|--------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|--------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Canada | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | Canada | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces | Canada | Maritimes Que. & Ont. | Western Provinces |
| 1935 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 58.9 | 57.4 | 51.7 | 69.3 | 53.7 | 56.6 | 49.5 | 40.8 | 61.8 | 45.0 | 82.3 | 84.5 | 76.0 |
| February | 63.2 | 57.4 | 61.1 | 69.2 | 58.0 | 63.4 | 51.7 | 42.8 | 59.1 | 51.0 | 85.4 | 87.5 | 79.6 |
| March | 72.6 | 72.5 | 72.3 | 78.8 | 64.5 | 72.8 | 60.8 | 51.6 | 76.2 | 54.5 | 90.7 | 93.0 | 84.4 |
| April | 76.8 | 78.4 | 76.9 | 83.4 | 68.6 | 74.6 | 78.9 | 71.6 | 91.4 | 74.5 | 87.1 | 88.7 | 82.4 |
| May | 83.7 | 90.3 | 85.2 | 90.4 | 73.7 | 80.4 | 82.9 | 74.9 | 93.1 | 80.8 | 87.0 | 89.6 | 80.0 |
| June | 79.8 | 79.7 | 79.1 | 85.9 | 71.9 | 79.7 | 77.6 | 52.1 | 87.3 | 83.0 | 82.8 | 84.9 | 76.8 |
| July | 82.5 | 87.3 | 74.0 | 88.0 | 79.6 | 84.4 | 81.7 | 67.0 | 90.0 | 83.8 | 86.7 | 88.7 | 80.7 |
| August | 84.8 | 82.1 | 75.9 | 86.2 | 87.1 | 87.4 | 92.9 | 70.5 | 88.9 | 107.8 | 88.3 | 90.0 | 83.8 |
| September | 89.6 | 92.5 | 93.0 | 88.8 | 86.9 | 84.1 | 107.8 | 74.8 | 102.3 | 128.9 | 93.5 | 97.7 | 82.3 |
| October | 94.2 | 97.7 | 98.1 | 93.0 | 91.5 | 88.3 | 120.6 | 95.1 | 112.8 | 140.6 | 97.6 | 100.8 | 88.9 |
| November | 84.7 | 90.4 | 87.0 | 84.0 | 79.1 | 87.2 | 93.0 | 80.4 | 99.4 | 95.9 | 95.9 | 97.7 | 90.6 |
| December | 75.9 | 77.8 | 78.0 | 82.6 | 66.2 | 73.4 | 69.8 | 62.0 | 81.9 | 65.7 | 87.1 | 91.2 | 76.2 |
| Yearly Average ... | 78.9 | 80.3 | 77.7 | 83.3 | 73.4 | 77.7 | 80.6 | 65.3 | 87.0 | 84.3 | 88.7 | 91.2 | 81.8 |
| 1936 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 61.6 | 59.6 | 54.1 | 68.3 | 56.8 | 67.6 | 56.3 | 42.0 | 63.9 | 58.2 | 86.7 | 88.3 | 81.7 |
| February | 65.5 | 62.0 | 62.7 | 70.4 | 58.1 | 74.4 | 50.0 | 42.2 | 58.6 | 48.0 | 88.7 | 91.7 | 80.9 |
| March | 76.2 | 74.5 | 77.0 | 80.0 | 68.6 | 79.7 | 65.6 | 65.6 | 75.3 | 59.4 | 94.7 | 96.5 | 89.5 |
| April | 81.8 | 87.7 | 81.8 | 85.4 | 73.1 | 85.8 | 84.7 | 80.7 | 93.6 | 81.6 | 93.1 | 95.2 | 87.0 |
| May | 86.9 | 89.6 | 86.9 | 93.2 | 76.7 | 89.3 | 92.0 | 85.4 | 100.5 | 90.7 | 90.6 | 92.9 | 84.0 |
| June | 89.1 | 93.5 | 90.3 | 94.3 | 79.5 | 89.7 | 87.1 | 67.2 | 93.5 | 91.9 | 91.6 | 93.7 | 85.2 |
| July | 90.3 | 95.6 | 79.2 | 95.5 | 87.1 | 98.4 | 83.8 | 71.0 | 93.8 | 83.8 | 92.4 | 94.7 | 85.6 |
| August | 90.1 | 87.8 | 77.9 | 89.3 | 96.9 | 92.6 | 101.7 | 67.9 | 95.5 | 124.1 | 88.6 | 89.5 | 85.9 |
| September | 101.2 | 105.9 | 101.3 | 97.9 | 102.5 | 95.9 | 128.7 | 84.8 | 122.7 | 155.7 | 103.7 | 107.0 | 94.7 |
| October | 103.8 | 107.7 | 106.3 | 98.9 | 104.7 | 99.2 | 138.7 | 104.6 | 141.1 | 155.8 | 109.8 | 112.5 | 102.1 |
| November | 90.2 | 98.2 | 93.5 | 88.5 | 82.1 | 98.2 | 110.9 | 89.6 | 119.3 | 116.8 | 104.4 | 106.5 | 98.5 |
| December | 85.6 | 92.4 | 78.3 | 91.0 | 78.6 | 93.4 | 82.9 | 67.9 | 91.9 | 84.8 | 96.7 | 101.0 | 85.3 |
| Yearly Average ... | 85.2 | 88.0 | 82.4 | 87.6 | 80.4 | 88.7 | 90.3 | 73.3 | 95.2 | 96.1 | 95.0 | 97.4 | 88.3 |
| 1937 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 70.0 | 72.5 | 62.5 | 76.5 | 62.1 | 81.7 | 62.5 | 52.9 | 68.4 | 62.6 | 96.2 | 98.2 | 90.2 |
| February | 73.8 | 72.7 | 71.5 | 78.4 | 65.9 | 81.8 | 61.1 | 53.3 | 68.2 | 59.3 | 103.2 | 106.9 | 93.8 |
| March | 91.4 | 93.0 | 89.7 | 91.5 | 84.3 | 104.8 | 76.1 | 65.2 | 86.2 | 75.4 | 104.8 | 108.9 | 94.1 |
| April | 94.4 | 102.5 | 96.3 | 93.9 | 84.6 | 105.5 | 98.8 | 79.5 | 98.0 | 109.3 | 104.5 | 107.2 | 96.7 |
| May | 96.5 | 103.0 | 100.3 | 99.3 | 82.3 | 108.9 | 105.1 | 98.3 | 100.8 | 110.3 | 98.3 | 101.8 | 88.5 |
| June | 100.4 | 107.6 | 103.0 | 105.5 | 85.1 | 111.5 | 86.4 | 78.4 | 110.1 | 96.1 | 102.6 | 105.9 | 93.0 |
| July | 97.4 | 106.7 | 87.5 | 99.5 | 91.0 | 116.8 | 89.9 | 80.6 | 109.3 | 83.3 | 101.8 | 106.5 | 88.8 |
| August | 98.2 | 100.8 | 92.4 | 97.1 | 96.0 | 110.7 | 109.2 | 98.0 | 109.7 | 115.2 | 104.5 | 108.7 | 93.4 |

| Year and Month | CLOTHING | | SIDES | | DRY GOODS | | | | GROCERIES | | | | | |
|-----------------|----------|--|--------|--|-----------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|------------------|
| | Canada | | Canada | | Canada | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces | Canada | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia |
| 1935 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 36.4 | | 34.5 | | 49.1 | 37.7 | 64.4 | 52.0 | 74.0 | 67.9 | 52.3 | 85.7 | 84.3 | 65.0 |
| February | 58.5 | | 53.0 | | 59.7 | 51.3 | 71.8 | 60.8 | 74.2 | 68.0 | 59.4 | 80.6 | 83.8 | 69.2 |
| March | 75.4 | | 94.3 | | 73.5 | 70.2 | 84.7 | 65.9 | 80.6 | 79.2 | 66.3 | 85.0 | 89.2 | 78.7 |
| April | 77.0 | | 96.2 | | 73.7 | 73.5 | 83.8 | 61.1 | 82.7 | 77.1 | 65.7 | 87.5 | 95.9 | 76.8 |
| May | 77.7 | | 90.1 | | 72.1 | 71.8 | 79.6 | 62.9 | 91.7 | 95.7 | 84.3 | 96.1 | 99.6 | 81.3 |
| June | 66.3 | | 77.5 | | 64.3 | 65.6 | 73.0 | 50.6 | 90.7 | 85.4 | 78.8 | 96.0 | 99.0 | 86.8 |
| July | 53.0 | | 60.4 | | 52.5 | 44.7 | 54.9 | 65.3 | 102.0 | 101.3 | 86.1 | 109.3 | 113.6 | 91.7 |
| August | 88.1 | | 82.4 | | 72.8 | 59.6 | 74.6 | 97.0 | 100.1 | 93.9 | 82.2 | 100.4 | 118.5 | 95.6 |
| September | 134.2 | | 101.9 | | 97.8 | 96.6 | 102.5 | 94.5 | 99.9 | 97.0 | 88.9 | 100.9 | 114.7 | 91.2 |
| October | 135.4 | | 119.1 | | 94.4 | 89.0 | 97.7 | 101.2 | 108.5 | 106.2 | 107.4 | 105.7 | 122.8 | 96.4 |
| November | 111.6 | | 121.6 | | 81.9 | 72.0 | 87.4 | 94.7 | 97.4 | 102.4 | 93.3 | 95.5 | 106.8 | 92.3 |
| December | 87.3 | | 120.1 | | 62.5 | 62.3 | 70.0 | 53.3 | 87.8 | 87.8 | 76.2 | 94.9 | 97.1 | 75.8 |
| Yearly Average | 83.4 | | 87.6 | | 71.2 | 66.2 | 78.7 | 71.6 | 90.8 | 88.5 | 78.4 | 94.8 | 102.1 | 83.4 |
| 1936 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 41.5 | | 36.8 | | 48.2 | 40.7 | 60.7 | 47.2 | 77.8 | 72.9 | 53.4 | 82.4 | 92.2 | 77.6 |
| February | 59.3 | | 55.4 | | 59.4 | 52.0 | 69.3 | 61.5 | 79.8 | 77.0 | 61.8 | 82.5 | 88.7 | 85.6 |
| March | 79.2 | | 103.6 | | 77.9 | 78.6 | 81.4 | 72.6 | 83.7 | 80.9 | 63.8 | 86.1 | 97.1 | 83.9 |
| April | 84.2 | | 88.6 | | 76.6 | 77.5 | 82.5 | 67.3 | 89.2 | 89.0 | 72.4 | 87.0 | 104.8 | 89.2 |
| May | 82.4 | | 100.0 | | 75.1 | 73.5 | 84.9 | 65.5 | 93.1 | 98.7 | 78.0 | 94.5 | 104.9 | 89.6 |
| June | 73.8 | | 92.2 | | 69.3 | 70.5 | 73.8 | 61.8 | 97.6 | 103.8 | 80.7 | 102.3 | 108.4 | 90.4 |
| July | 56.0 | | 67.2 | | 51.9 | 45.4 | 53.3 | 63.9 | 112.1 | 115.7 | 89.5 | 114.2 | 129.8 | 106.9 |
| August | 97.9 | | 95.1 | | 74.6 | 62.9 | 72.6 | 100.8 | 106.1 | 103.0 | 81.5 | 103.7 | 130.7 | 101.3 |
| September | 138.6 | | 129.0 | | 107.2 | 99.5 | 104.9 | 126.5 | 110.0 | 112.2 | 95.4 | 107.6 | 129.8 | 100.8 |
| October | 133.2 | | 162.9 | | 102.8 | 93.4 | 102.8 | 122.2 | 115.4 | 116.4 | 115.3 | 108.2 | 133.2 | 103.5 |
| November | 111.2 | | 109.9 | | 87.2 | 80.4 | 89.5 | 98.3 | 102.3 | 107.9 | 103.0 | 97.3 | 106.5 | 107.2 |
| December | 82.6 | | 86.4 | | 66.3 | 63.7 | 72.1 | 64.1 | 99.0 | 107.1 | 78.9 | 102.8 | 110.3 | 97.0 |
| Yearly Average | 86.4 | | 93.3 | | 74.7 | 69.8 | 78.6 | 79.4 | 97.3 | 98.8 | 81.6 | 97.4 | 111.5 | 94.3 |
| 1937 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 42.6 | | 51.4 | | 51.4 | 40.9 | 66.7 | 52.6 | 86.5 | 89.0 | 63.0 | 88.7 | 96.6 | 94.7 |
| February | 67.7 | | 76.6 | | 70.7 | 63.1 | 83.6 | 69.4 | 83.9 | 85.5 | 63.5 | 83.2 | 94.8 | 93.3 |
| March | 98.6 | | 103.8 | | 85.1 | 82.1 | 89.6 | 86.0 | 99.8 | 99.3 | 75.4 | 95.1 | 119.8 | 107.0 |
| April | 90.9 | | 117.2 | | 84.4 | 87.3 | 83.3 | 80.6 | 96.7 | 106.4 | 81.3 | 94.3 | 106.6 | 101.6 |
| May | 89.8 | | 111.8 | | 84.0 | 85.3 | 87.6 | 76.1 | 100.8 | 109.9 | 86.8 | 99.0 | 110.2 | 105.7 |
| June | 81.3 | | 98.7 | | 79.3 | 82.6 | 85.8 | 65.2 | 109.6 | 119.6 | 94.7 | 110.2 | 115.9 | 115.7 |
| July | 63.1 | | 61.1 | | 59.4 | 52.8 | 61.6 | 70.6 | 119.1 | 126.5 | 90.9 | 116.5 | 136.8 | 128.5 |
| August | 113.0 | | 117.2 | | 87.6 | 75.9 | 88.3 | 110.9 | 111.6 | 116.5 | 83.6 | 107.8 | 131.4 | 117.8 |

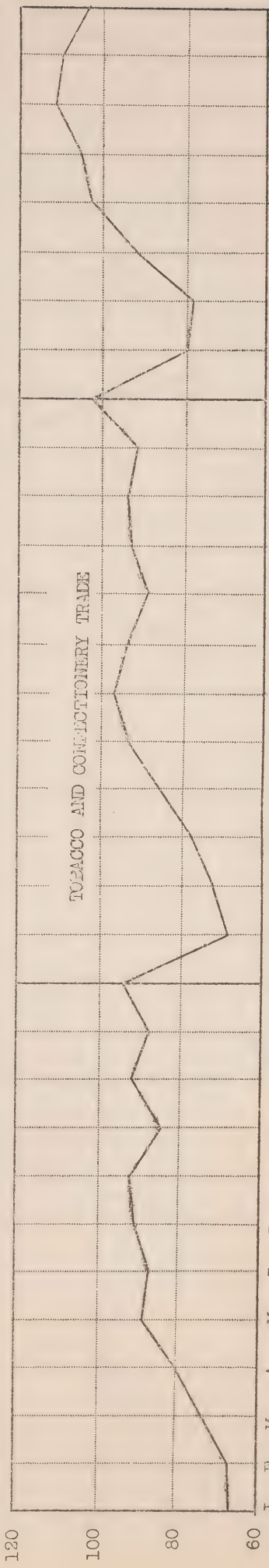
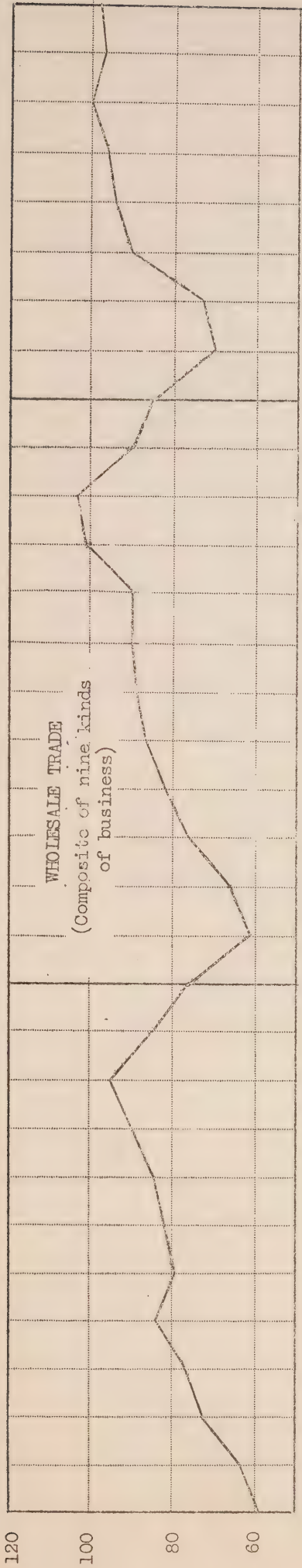
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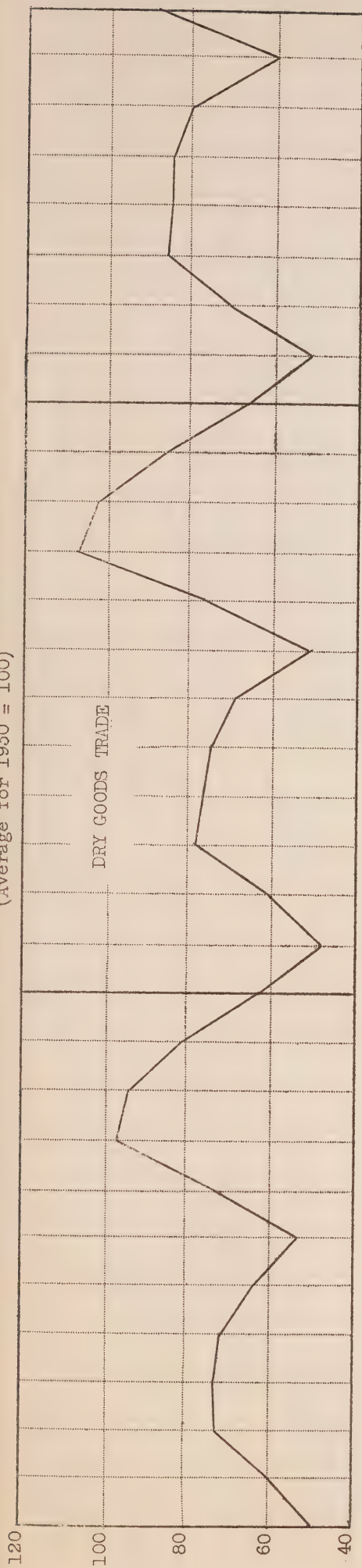
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| | Maritimes & Quebec | | Ontario | Western Provinces | Canada | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces | Canada | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| | Canada | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1935 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 53.3 | 57.9 | 63.7 | 39.4 | 45.6 | 44.4 | 42.7 | 49.5 | 47.4 | 66.7 | 64.6 | 70.2 | 63.7 |
| February | 61.6 | 68.9 | 70.7 | 47.2 | 52.1 | 36.4 | 43.1 | 43.4 | 62.3 | 67.6 | 64.8 | 68.4 | 68.1 |
| March | 69.1 | 74.6 | 79.6 | 54.7 | 69.6 | 59.1 | 56.9 | 66.6 | 79.2 | 74.9 | 70.9 | 79.2 | 72.6 |
| April | 82.8 | 98.0 | 92.0 | 62.6 | 77.1 | 81.8 | 72.0 | 74.3 | 82.6 | 80.5 | 76.2 | 86.2 | 76.8 |
| May | 95.3 | 107.5 | 106.0 | 75.9 | 88.1 | 86.6 | 87.3 | 85.3 | 93.5 | 88.9 | 86.0 | 94.8 | 83.7 |
| June | 89.6 | 100.0 | 93.9 | 77.9 | 80.6 | 78.0 | 75.1 | 87.6 | 84.1 | 87.2 | 85.8 | 91.3 | 82.7 |
| July | 87.2 | 80.2 | 93.0 | 86.1 | 79.4 | 74.7 | 75.4 | 77.8 | 85.6 | 91.4 | 88.1 | 99.1 | 84.3 |
| August | 77.9 | 65.0 | 83.7 | 80.9 | 82.8 | 70.3 | 77.6 | 65.7 | 95.7 | 92.6 | 89.2 | 99.1 | 87.1 |
| September | 77.8 | 90.0 | 66.2 | 80.9 | 85.8 | 74.7 | 86.7 | 73.6 | 95.3 | 84.4 | 79.1 | 85.8 | 86.0 |
| October | 76.3 | 73.4 | 76.6 | 78.0 | 88.8 | 80.6 | 85.1 | 84.1 | 96.9 | 92.5 | 84.2 | 95.3 | 94.9 |
| November | 67.4 | 67.1 | 67.6 | 67.3 | 81.9 | 71.3 | 75.9 | 75.1 | 91.3 | 87.8 | 84.4 | 86.1 | 91.4 |
| December | 76.2 | 77.4 | 82.7 | 68.7 | 64.7 | 52.0 | 62.3 | 69.0 | 68.8 | 94.7 | 92.9 | 94.7 | 95.0 |
| Yearly Average .. | 76.2 | 80.0 | 81.3 | 68.3 | 74.7 | 67.5 | 70.0 | 71.0 | 81.9 | 84.1 | 80.5 | 87.5 | 82.2 |
| 1936 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 54.8 | 54.9 | 65.0 | 42.8 | 48.8 | 38.7 | 49.5 | 50.1 | 51.3 | 68.9 | 65.7 | 73.4 | 66.2 |
| February | 58.0 | 61.8 | 70.8 | 43.2 | 53.8 | 35.6 | 45.9 | 46.0 | 63.5 | 72.3 | 73.7 | 73.1 | 67.3 |
| March | 73.6 | 82.7 | 85.7 | 56.6 | 74.1 | 59.9 | 62.0 | 68.4 | 84.9 | 77.8 | 75.7 | 79.8 | 75.5 |
| April | 84.1 | 89.7 | 99.1 | 62.7 | 85.7 | 88.3 | 83.8 | 80.8 | 91.4 | 85.5 | 87.9 | 85.2 | 79.4 |
| May | 97.7 | 107.3 | 112.9 | 75.9 | 95.3 | 75.3 | 95.9 | 94.9 | 102.4 | 93.8 | 97.6 | 95.5 | 84.2 |
| June | 108.8 | 141.1 | 115.8 | 87.2 | 94.5 | 84.5 | 94.8 | 94.9 | 99.4 | 97.1 | 102.6 | 97.8 | 87.7 |
| July | 103.2 | 93.3 | 121.5 | 95.7 | 86.5 | 75.7 | 84.2 | 80.8 | 94.2 | 93.6 | 90.9 | 101.1 | 85.7 |
| August | 89.0 | 68.8 | 92.8 | 97.2 | 88.2 | 75.9 | 81.9 | 70.6 | 101.8 | 88.8 | 82.9 | 94.7 | 87.8 |
| September | 92.3 | 101.7 | 81.1 | 95.9 | 103.5 | 93.8 | 100.0 | 87.4 | 116.7 | 93.2 | 85.8 | 97.2 | 94.3 |
| October | 83.0 | 70.7 | 80.0 | 91.0 | 110.8 | 95.0 | 103.6 | 98.0 | 125.4 | 93.7 | 83.9 | 97.4 | 97.3 |
| November | 70.2 | 67.8 | 72.8 | 69.4 | 93.3 | 81.3 | 92.2 | 83.6 | 102.3 | 91.8 | 89.4 | 89.2 | 94.7 |
| December | 86.6 | 74.1 | 91.1 | 85.2 | 85.7 | 64.0 | 80.5 | 90.5 | 92.6 | 102.5 | 97.7 | 106.0 | 103.3 |
| Yearly Average .. | 83.9 | 84.4 | 91.1 | 75.4 | 84.5 | 72.0 | 80.3 | 78.8 | 93.3 | 88.0 | 85.6 | 90.8 | 84.5 |
| 1937 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 65.0 | 61.1 | 80.3 | 50.7 | 61.7 | 51.5 | 63.2 | 63.2 | 64.2 | 79.4 | 85.5 | 77.7 | 69.6 |
| February | 68.6 | 72.0 | 80.6 | 53.4 | 68.8 | 48.4 | 64.1 | 68.0 | 75.4 | 78.5 | 80.7 | 78.8 | 72.3 |
| March | 89.7 | 103.8 | 100.4 | 70.4 | 103.5 | 87.8 | 92.2 | 90.2 | 117.4 | 92.6 | 95.2 | 91.8 | 86.2 |
| April | 98.0 | 100.4 | 107.3 | 79.4 | 118.5 | 104.3 | 111.7 | 107.5 | 132.3 | 102.3 | 113.5 | 98.0 | 87.6 |
| May | 108.7 | 123.0 | 124.2 | 84.1 | 113.0 | 97.4 | 124.0 | 101.1 | 119.5 | 105.2 | 114.3 | 105.1 | 90.6 |
| June | 116.3 | 140.8 | 131.5 | 91.6 | 113.6 | 98.1 | 114.4 | 114.4 | 119.7 | 111.7 | 123.3 | 111.0 | 95.9 |
| July | 102.0 | 97.6 | 111.8 | 97.6 | 102.3 | 92.7 | 106.8 | 97.1 | 107.8 | 110.3 | 118.1 | 112.4 | 92.6 |
| August | 89.7 | 85.6 | 94.0 | 92.3 | 102.1 | 81.7 | 106.5 | 83.4 | 113.3 | 104.2 | 105.4 | 108.9 | 92.0 |

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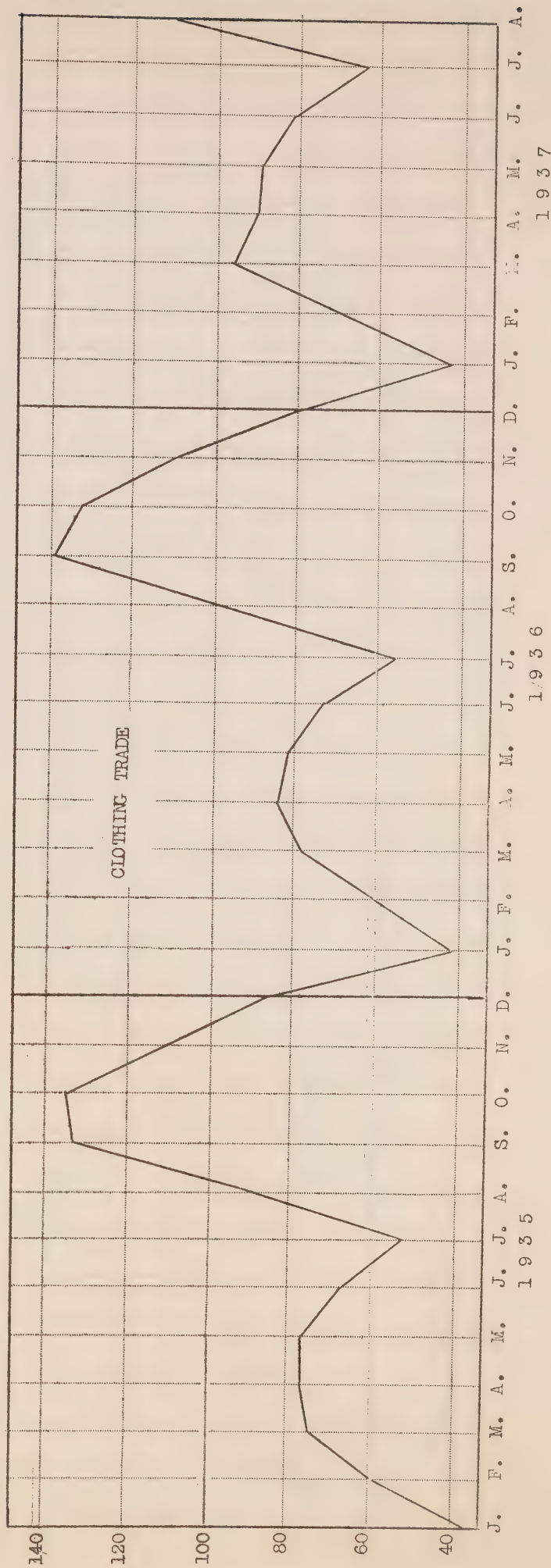
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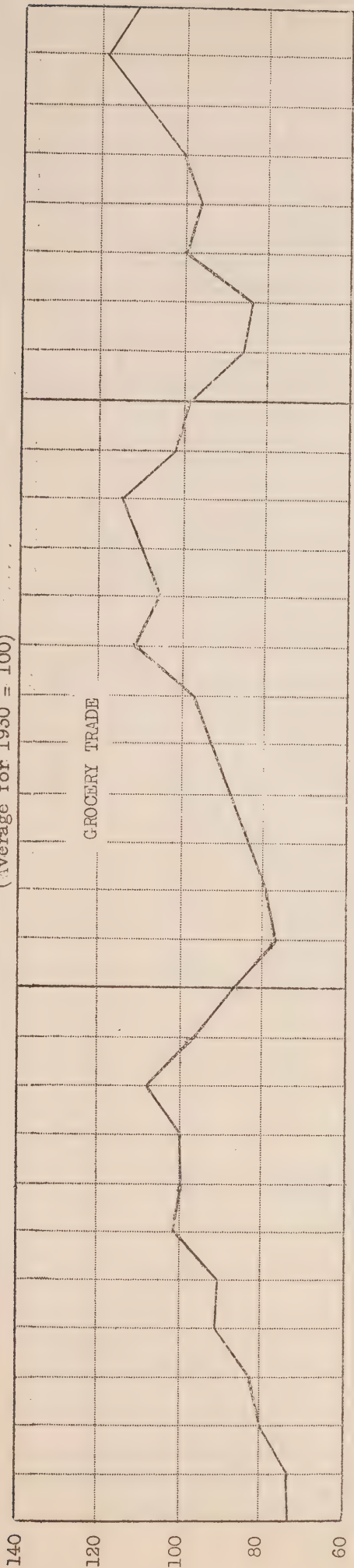
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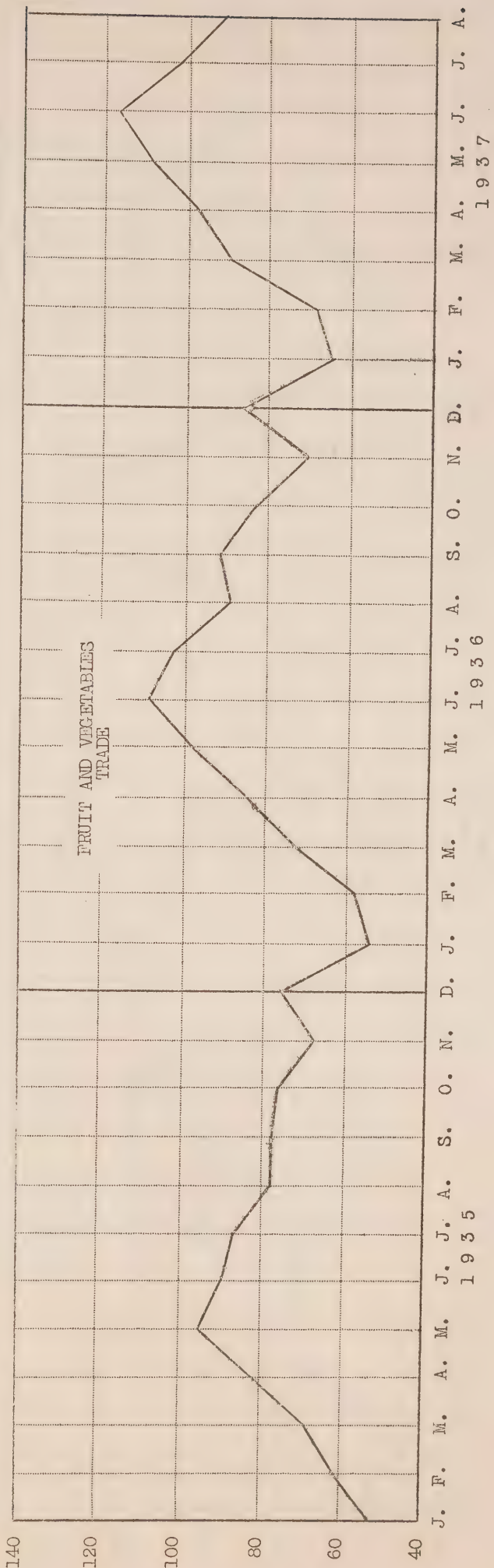
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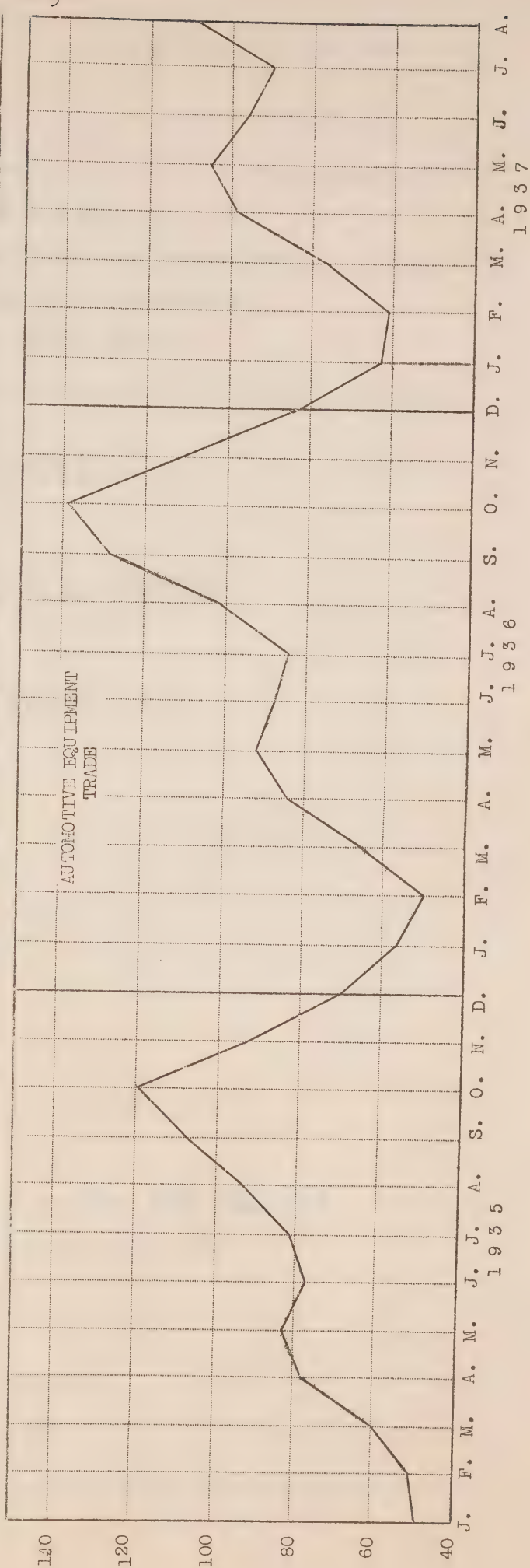
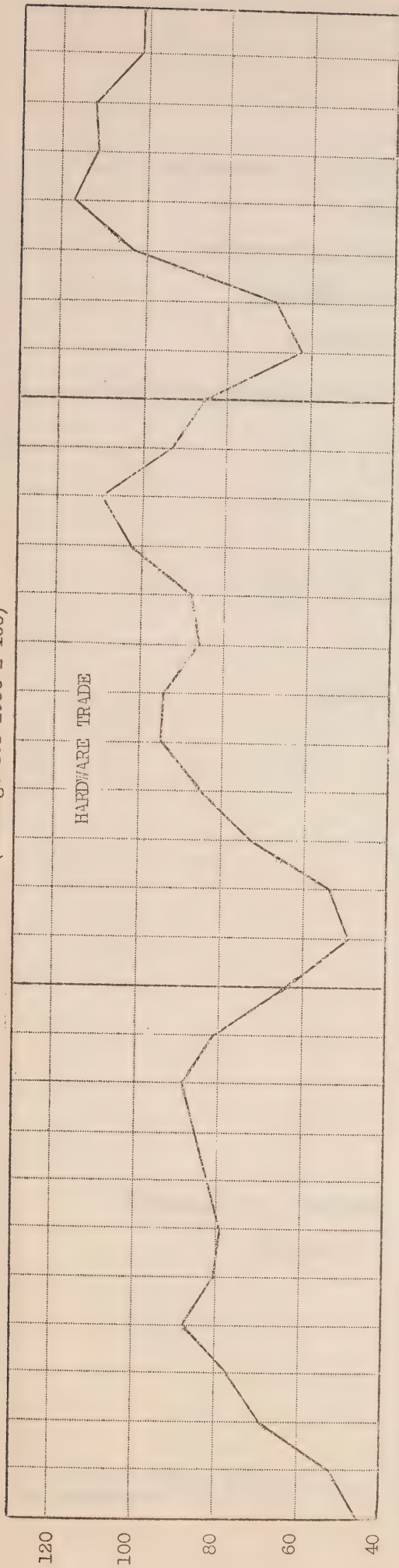


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Summary

Comparison of wholesale sales reported for September this year and last shows that increases of approximately 17 per cent for the Maritime Provinces, Quebec and British Columbia were modified by lesser gains of 12 per cent for Ontario and 6 per cent for the Prairie Provinces resulting in an average improvement of 12 per cent for the Dominion as a whole. Indexes of sales for Canada on the base average monthly sales in 1930 equals 100 stand at 113.3 for September, 1937; 98.2 for August, 1937, and 101.2 for September a year ago. These figures are based on returns submitted by approximately 200 wholesale trading firms covering nine different lines of business.

All trades for which figures are available shared in the improvement over September last year, gains ranging from 5 per cent for the wholesale clothing trade to 24 per cent for the footwear trade being reported. The tobacco and confectionery group was up by 6 per cent; the drug trade, 18 per cent; while gains for the other five trades (automotive equipment, dry goods, fruit and vegetables, groceries and hardware) were quite uniform at from 11 to 12 per cent.

The 12 per cent increase in value of wholesale trade in September of this year compared with last is a continuation of only slightly smaller gains recorded in each of the corresponding-month comparisons this year. Quarterly totals for the period July to September, 1937, and covering the nine lines of trade present a 10 per cent improvement over the corresponding three-month period last year. Increases for the several economic divisions in the same comparison are 15 per cent for the Maritime Provinces, 16 per cent for Quebec, 8 per cent for Ontario, 3 per cent for the Prairie Provinces and 19 per cent for British Columbia.

Value of inventory on hand at the end of September, 1937, was 13 per cent greater than on the same date last year. The footwear trade reported a 36 per cent increase in this respect; the hardware group, 22 per cent; clothing and fruits and vegetables, 16 per cent. Smaller increases were reported for each of the other groups.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade
Pourcentage des changements dans commerce au gros

| | Percentage Change, 1937 Compared With 1936 Pourcentage du changement, 1937 compare a 1936 | | | |
|---|--|----------------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| | Sales -- Ventes | | | Inventory Inventaire |
| | (1) | (2) | Third | |
| | August 1937 Aout 1936 | September 1937 Septembre 1936 | Quarter 1937 Troisieme trimestre 1936 | |
| Automotive Equipment -- Equipelement automoteur | + 5.2 | +12.3 | + 9.2 | + 7.0 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | +44.3 | +37.6 | +31.9 | |
| Ontario | +14.4 | +36.0 | +26.8 | |
| Western Provinces.-de l'Ouest. | - 9.6 | - 3.6 | - 5.0 | |
| Drugs -- Drogues | +18.3 | +17.6 | +15.3 | + 8.7 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario. | +21.9 | +21.6 | +18.6 | |
| Western Provinces.-de l'Ouest. | + 8.7 | + 6.4 | + 6.3 | |
| Clothing -- Vetement | +15.4 | + 4.8 | + 9.3 | +16.1 |
| Quebec | +21.0 | +15.2 | +16.8 | |
| Ontario and Western Provinces .-de l'Ouest | +11.2 | - 2.1 | + 4.2 | |
| Shoes -- Chaussures | +23.2 | +24.2 | +16.2 | +35.7 |
| Quebec | +30.5 | +20.1 | +13.5 | |
| Ontario | + 7.5 | +33.0 | +22.9 | |
| Dry Goods -- Marchandises seches | +17.8 | +10.8 | +13.7 | +13.6 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | +21.6 | +16.0 | +17.5 | |
| Ontario | +21.6 | +12.8 | +15.9 | |
| Western Provinces.-de l'Ouest. | +10.0 | + 0.8 | + 6.1 | |
| Fruits and Vegetables -- Fruits et legumes | + 1.5 | +11.0 | + 3.6 | +16.0 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | +23.7 | +29.5 | +19.3 | |
| Ontario | + 1.3 | +11.3 | + 0.2 | |
| Western Provinces.-de l'Ouest. | - 3.8 | + 7.2 | + 1.8 | |
| Groceries -- Epiceries | + 4.9 | +12.1 | + 7.8 | + 4.9 |
| Maritimes | +11.9 | +15.4 | +12.2 | |
| Quebec | + 2.6 | +13.0 | + 5.5 | |
| Ontario | + 4.0 | + 8.3 | + 4.7 | |
| Prairies | (X) | +12.6 | + 6.0 | |
| British Columbia | +16.3 | +16.2 | +17.6 | |
| Hardware -- Quincaillerie | +15.7 | +12.3 | +15.3 | +22.1 |
| Maritimes | + 7.7 | +14.0 | +13.3 | |
| Quebec | +30.0 | +23.9 | +26.8 | |
| Ontario | +18.1 | +17.0 | +18.4 | |
| Western Provinces.-de l'Ouest. | +11.1 | + 6.9 | +10.6 | |
| Bakery and Confectionery -- Patisseries et confiseries | +17.1 | + 6.3 | +13.9 | + 4.9 |
| Quebec | +27.1 | + 7.4 | +21.5 | |
| Ontario | +15.0 | + 9.4 | +11.7 | |
| Western Provinces.-de l'Ouest. | + 5.4 | + 1.2 | + 4.5 | |
| Wholesale Trade -- Commerce de gros -- | | | | |
| Maritimes | +14.8 | +16.9 | +14.7 | |
| Quebec | +18.7 | +17.6 | +16.2 | |
| Ontario | + 8.7 | +12.2 | + 8.3 | |
| Prairies | - 1.0 | + 5.9 | + 3.1 | |
| British Columbia | +19.4 | +17.3 | +18.5 | |
| CANADA | + 9.0 | +12.0 | + 9.7 | +13.0 |

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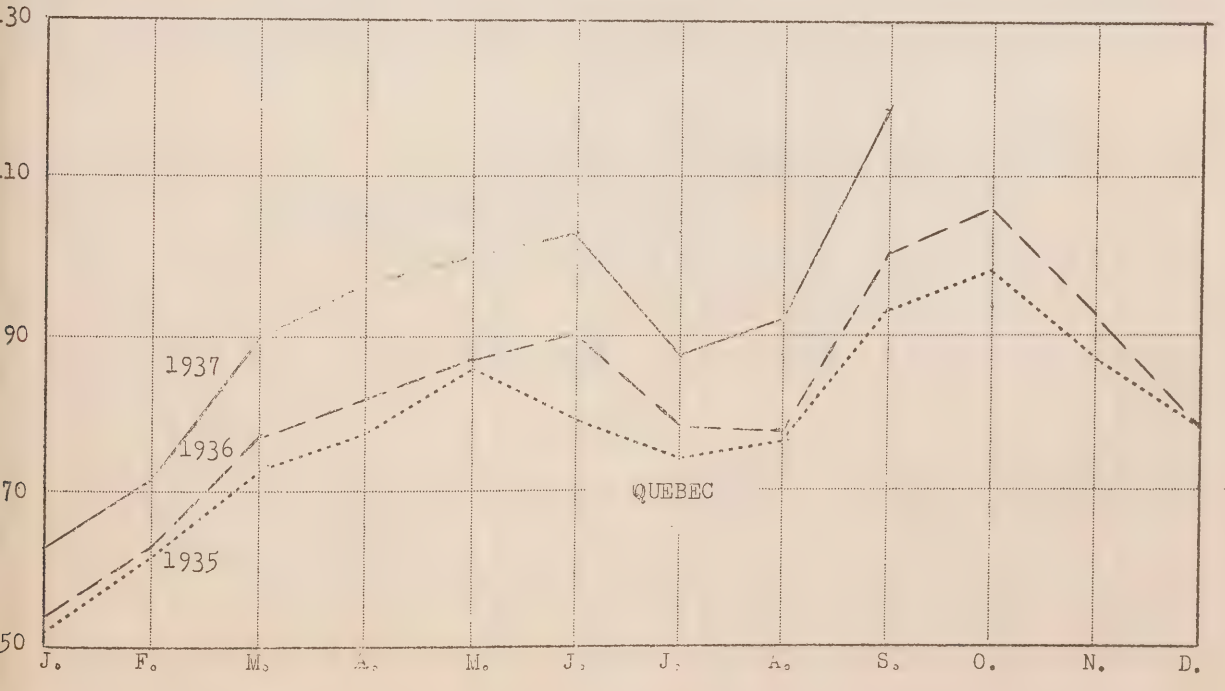
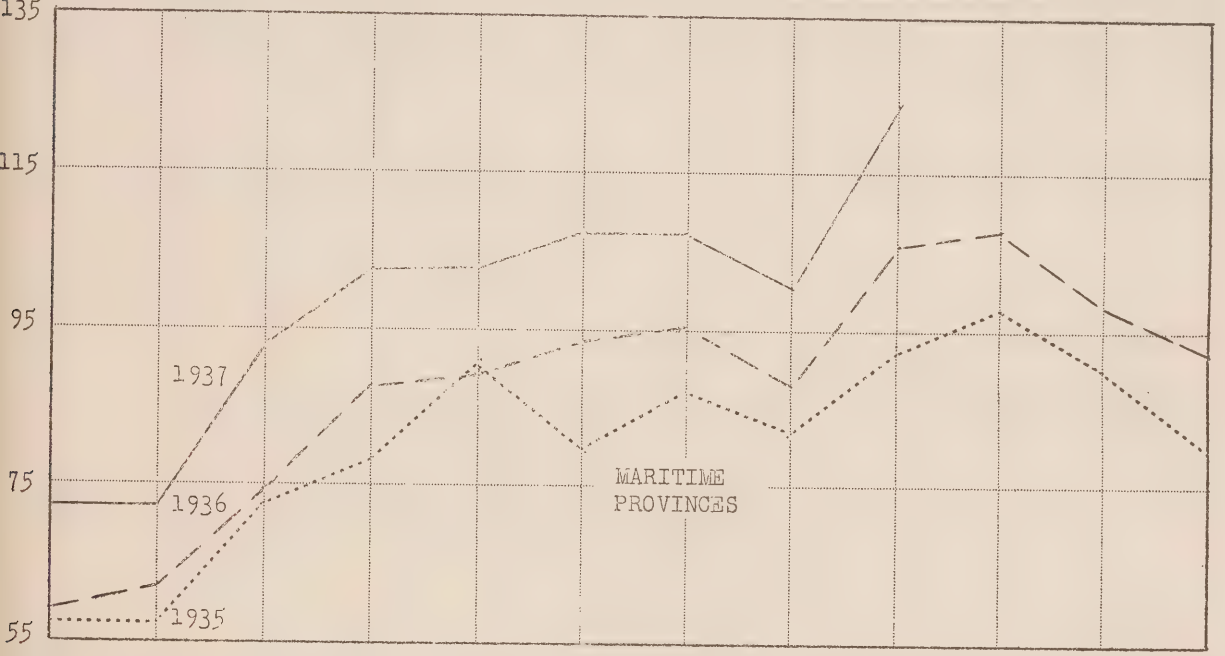
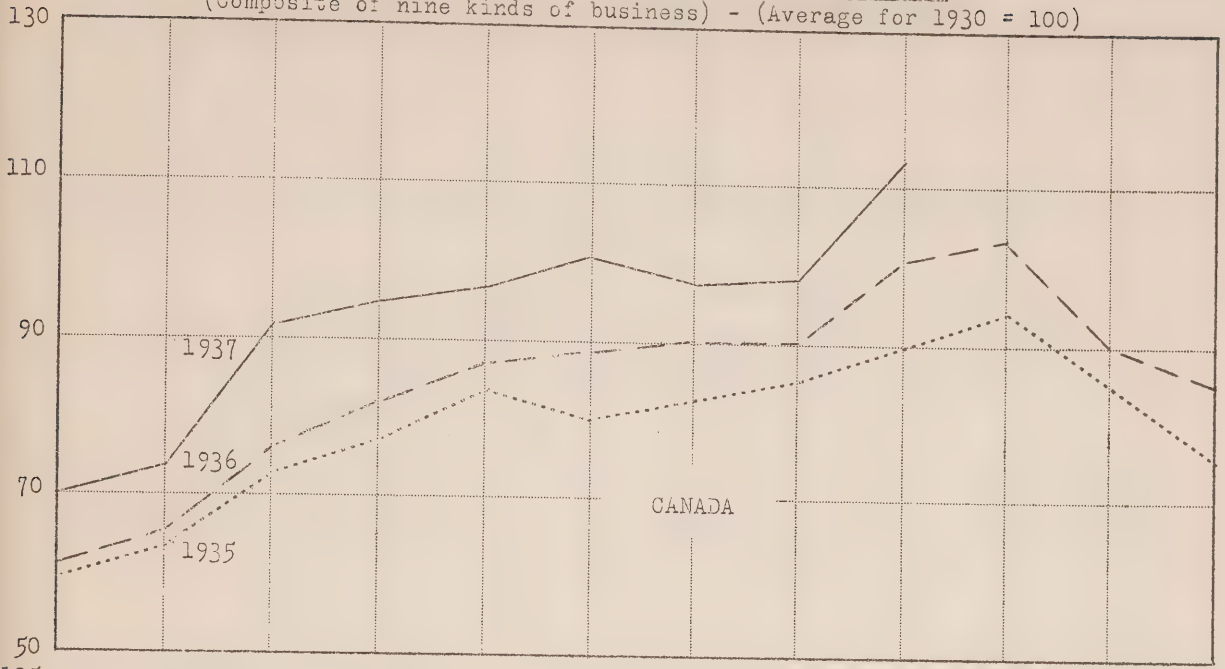
| Year and Month | WHOLESALE TRADE | | | | | | AUTOMOTIVE | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|------------------|------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | Canada | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | Canada | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| September, 1935 | 89.6 | 92.5 | 93.0 | 88.8 | 86.9 | 84.1 | 107.8 | 74.8 | 102.3 | 128.9 |
| September, 1936 | 101.2 | 105.9 | 101.2 | 97.9 | 102.5 | 95.9 | 128.7 | 84.8 | 122.7 | 155.7 |
| September, 1937 | 113.3 | 123.8 | 119.0 | 109.8 | 108.5 | 112.5 | 144.5 | 116.7 | 166.9 | 150.1 |
| 1937 | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 70.0 | 72.5 | 62.5 | 76.5 | 62.1 | 81.7 | 62.5 | 52.9 | 68.4 | 62.6 |
| February | 73.8 | 72.7 | 71.5 | 78.4 | 65.9 | 81.8 | 61.1 | 53.3 | 68.2 | 59.3 |
| March | 91.4 | 93.0 | 89.7 | 91.5 | 84.3 | 104.8 | 76.1 | 65.2 | 86.2 | 75.4 |
| April | 94.4 | 102.5 | 96.3 | 93.9 | 84.6 | 105.5 | 98.8 | 79.5 | 98.0 | 109.3 |
| May | 96.5 | 103.0 | 100.3 | 99.3 | 82.3 | 108.9 | 105.1 | 98.3 | 100.8 | 110.3 |
| June | 100.4 | 107.6 | 103.0 | 105.5 | 85.1 | 111.5 | 96.4 | 78.4 | 110.1 | 96.1 |
| July | 97.4 | 107.3 | 87.5 | 99.5 | 91.0 | 116.8 | 89.9 | 80.6 | 109.3 | 83.3 |
| August | 98.2 | 100.8 | 92.5 | 97.1 | 95.9 | 110.6 | 107.0 | 98.0 | 109.3 | 112.2 |
| September ... | 113.3 | 123.8 | 119.0 | 109.8 | 108.5 | 112.5 | 144.5 | 116.7 | 166.9 | 150.1 |

| Year and Month | DRUGS | | | | CLOTHING | | FOOTWEAR | | DRY GOODS | | | |
|-----------------|--------|-----------------------|-------------------|--|----------|--------|----------|--------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Canada | Maritimes Que. & Ont. | Western Provinces | | Canada | Canada | Canada | Canada | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces | Western Provinces |
| September, 1935 | 93.5 | 97.7 | 82.3 | | 134.2 | 101.9 | 97.8 | 97.8 | 96.6 | 102.5 | 94.5 | |
| September, 1936 | 103.7 | 107.0 | 94.7 | | 138.6 | 129.0 | 107.2 | 107.2 | 99.5 | 104.9 | 126.5 | |
| September, 1937 | 122.0 | 130.1 | 100.8 | | 145.3 | 160.2 | 118.8 | 118.8 | 115.4 | 118.3 | 127.5 | |
| 1937 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 96.2 | 98.2 | 90.2 | | 42.6 | 51.4 | 51.4 | 51.4 | 40.9 | 66.7 | 52.6 | |
| February | 103.2 | 106.9 | 93.8 | | 67.7 | 76.6 | 70.7 | 70.7 | 63.1 | 83.6 | 69.4 | |
| March | 104.8 | 108.9 | 94.1 | | 98.6 | 103.8 | 85.1 | 85.1 | 82.1 | 89.6 | 86.0 | |
| April | 104.5 | 107.2 | 96.7 | | 90.9 | 117.2 | 84.4 | 84.4 | 87.3 | 83.3 | 80.6 | |
| May | 98.3 | 101.8 | 88.5 | | 89.8 | 111.8 | 84.0 | 84.0 | 85.3 | 87.6 | 76.1 | |
| June | 102.6 | 105.9 | 93.0 | | 81.3 | 98.7 | 79.3 | 79.3 | 82.6 | 85.8 | 65.2 | |
| July | 101.8 | 106.5 | 88.8 | | 63.1 | 61.1 | 59.6 | 59.6 | 53.1 | 61.6 | 70.6 | |
| August | 104.8 | 109.1 | 93.4 | | 113.0 | 117.2 | 87.9 | 87.9 | 76.5 | 88.3 | 110.9 | |
| September ... | 122.0 | 130.1 | 100.8 | | 145.3 | 160.2 | 118.8 | 118.8 | 115.4 | 118.3 | 127.5 | |

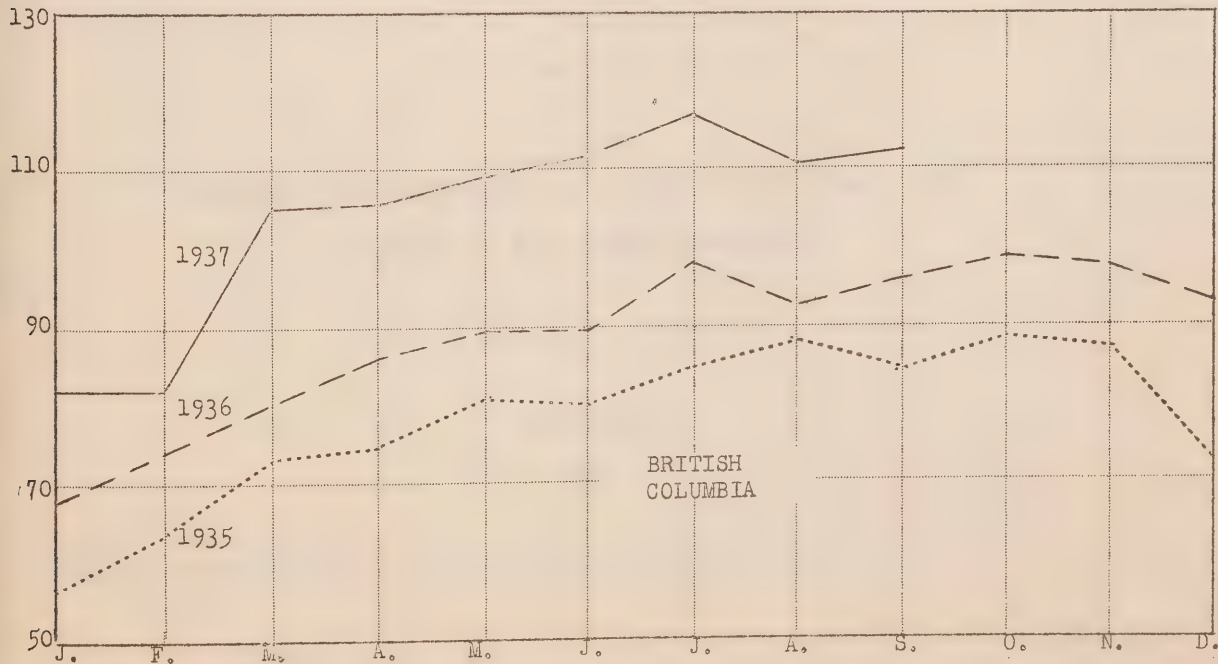
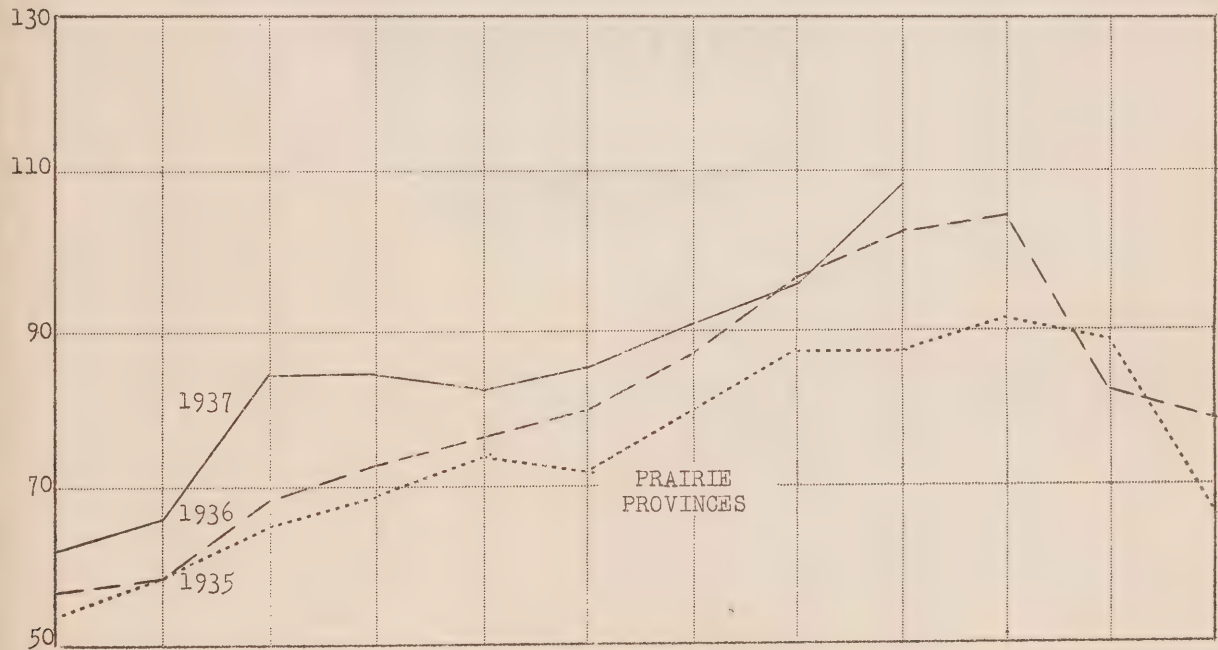
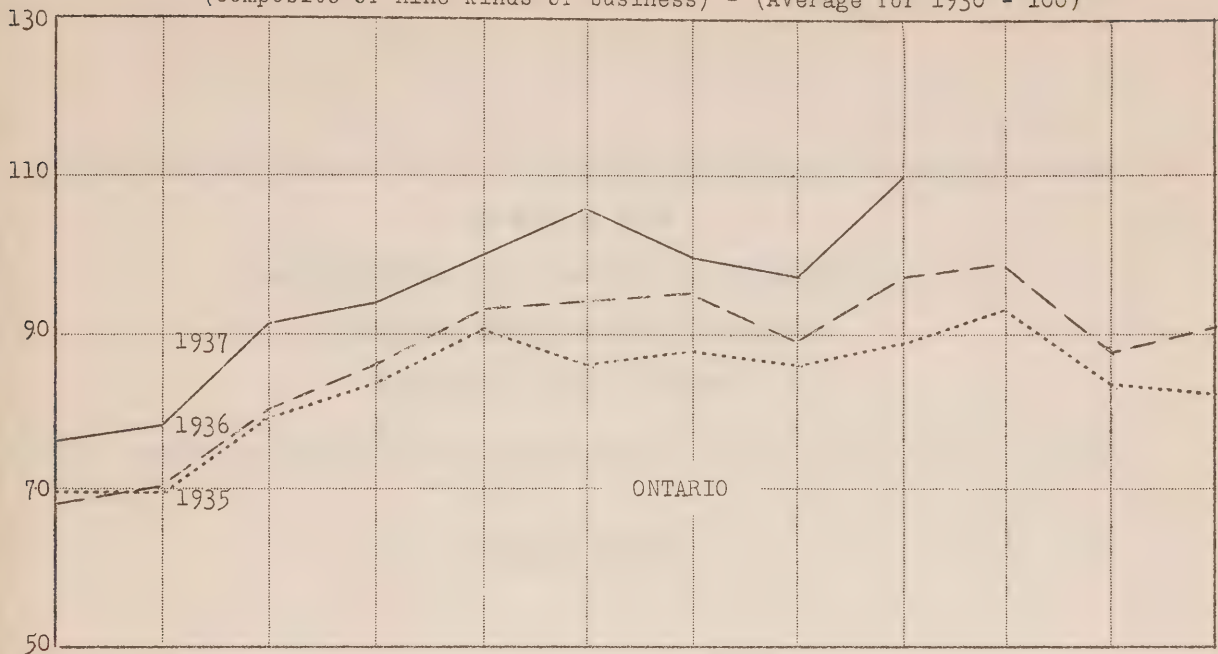
| Year and Month | GROCERIES | | | | | | FRUITS AND VEGETABLES | | | |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | Canada | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | Canada | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| September, 1935 | 99.9 | 97.0 | 88.9 | 100.9 | 114.7 | 91.2 | 77.8 | 90.0 | 66.2 | 80.9 |
| September, 1936 | 110.0 | 112.2 | 95.4 | 107.6 | 129.8 | 109.8 | 92.3 | 101.7 | 81.1 | 95.9 |
| September, 1937 | 123.3 | 123.5 | 107.8 | 116.5 | 146.2 | 117.1 | 102.5 | 131.7 | 90.3 | 102.8 |
| 1937 | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 86.5 | 89.0 | 63.0 | 88.7 | 96.6 | 94.7 | 65.0 | 61.1 | 80.3 | 50.7 |
| February | 83.9 | 85.5 | 63.5 | 83.2 | 94.8 | 93.3 | 68.6 | 72.0 | 80.6 | 53.4 |
| March | 99.8 | 99.3 | 75.4 | 95.1 | 119.8 | 107.0 | 89.7 | 103.8 | 100.4 | 70.4 |
| April | 96.7 | 106.4 | 81.3 | 94.3 | 106.6 | 101.6 | 98.0 | 100.4 | 107.3 | 79.4 |
| May | 100.8 | 109.9 | 86.8 | 99.0 | 110.2 | 105.7 | 108.7 | 123.0 | 124.2 | 84.1 |
| June | 109.6 | 119.6 | 94.7 | 110.2 | 115.9 | 115.7 | 116.3 | 140.8 | 131.5 | 91.6 |
| July | 119.1 | 126.5 | 90.9 | 116.5 | 136.8 | 123.5 | 102.0 | 97.6 | 111.8 | 97.6 |
| August | 111.3 | 115.3 | 83.6 | 107.8 | 130.7 | 117.8 | 90.3 | 85.1 | 94.0 | 93.5 |
| September | 123.3 | 129.5 | 107.8 | 116.5 | 146.2 | 117.1 | 102.5 | 131.7 | 90.3 | 102.8 |

| Year and Month | HARDWARE | | | | | TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY | | | |
|-----------------|----------|-----------|--------|---------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------|---------|-------------------|
| | Canada | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces | Canada | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| September, 1935 | 85.3 | 94.7 | 86.7 | 73.6 | 95.2 | 84.4 | 79.1 | 75.8 | 86.0 |
| September, 1936 | 103.5 | 93.8 | 100.0 | 97.4 | 116.7 | 93.2 | 85.8 | 97.2 | 94.3 |
| September, 1937 | 116.2 | 106.9 | 123.9 | 122.3 | 124.8 | 99.1 | 92.1 | 106.3 | 95.4 |
| 1937 | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 61.7 | 51.5 | 63.2 | 63.2 | 64.2 | 79.4 | 85.5 | 77.7 | 69.6 |
| February | 68.8 | 48.4 | 52.1 | 68.0 | 75.4 | 78.5 | 80.7 | 78.8 | 72.8 |
| March | 102.8 | 81.8 | 77.7 | 90.2 | 117.4 | 92.6 | 95.2 | 91.8 | 86.2 |
| April | 118.5 | 104.3 | 111.7 | 107.5 | 132.3 | 102.3 | 113.5 | 98.0 | 87.6 |
| May | 113.0 | 97.4 | 124.0 | 101.1 | 119.5 | 105.2 | 114.3 | 105.1 | 90.6 |
| June | 113.6 | 98.1 | 114.4 | 114.4 | 119.7 | 111.7 | 123.3 | 111.0 | 95.9 |
| July | 102.3 | 92.7 | 106.8 | 97.1 | 107.8 | 110.3 | 118.1 | 112.4 | 92.6 |
| August | 102.0 | 81.7 | 106.5 | 83.4 | 113.1 | 104.0 | 105.4 | 108.9 | 92.5 |
| September | 116.2 | 106.9 | 123.9 | 102.3 | 124.8 | 99.1 | 92.1 | 106.3 | 95.4 |

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MONTHLY WHOLESALE TRADE, OCTOBER, 1937

October sales of wholesale trading houses in Canada declined 5.4 per cent from the high level reached in September but were still 3.3 per cent above the amount recorded for October a year ago according to monthly returns submitted by some 200 wholesale firms covering nine different lines of trade. Cumulative figures for the first ten months of the year show an increase of 11.4 per cent over the same period last year. The index for October on the base average monthly sales in 1930 equal 100 stands at 107.2 compared with 113.3 for September and 103.8 for October of last year.

Wholesale trade in the Prairie Provinces declined 6.7 per cent below October, 1936. All other divisions reported increases which, while less marked than those for earlier corresponding-month comparisons, were still substantial. Percentage changes in wholesale sales between October of this year and last for the various economic divisions of the country, with corresponding comparisons for the two Septembers in brackets, are as follows: Maritime Provinces, +8.4 per cent (+16.7 per cent); Quebec, +9.2 per cent (+17.5 per cent); Ontario, +6.7 per cent (+11.6 per cent); Prairie Provinces, -6.7 per cent (+5.9 per cent), and British Columbia, +9.2 per cent (+17.2 per cent).

Sales of grocery wholesalers averaged 1.8 per cent higher in October this year than last. Sales for this group were up 10.5 per cent in British Columbia, 9.0 per cent in the Maritimes and 3.2 per cent in both Ontario and Quebec. The Prairie Provinces reported a decrease of 5.5 per cent. In the hardware trade increases of 8.4 per cent in the Maritimes, 12.5 per cent in Quebec and 6.2 per cent in Ontario were completely offset by a decline of 6.0 per cent in the western provinces, resulting in no change for the group as a whole. Increases over October, 1936, for other groups are 9.6 per cent for dry goods, 8.2 per cent for tobacco and confectionery, 6.9 per cent for clothing, 6.5 per cent for fruits and vegetables, and 6.1 per cent for drugs. Sales in the footwear trade were down by 1.8 per cent and the automotive equipment trade was down by 2.8 per cent.

Value of inventory on hand at the end of October was 10.9 per cent higher than on the corresponding date a year ago. The percentage increases for individual lines of trade ranged from 0.9 per cent for groceries to 45.9 per cent for the footwear trade.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

| | Percentage Change, 1937 Compared with 1936 | | |
|------------------------------------|--|------------------------------|-----------|
| | Sales | | Inventory |
| | (1) | (2) | |
| | September 1937 September 1936 | October 1937 October 1936 | |
| Automotive Equipment | + 12.3 | - 2.8 | + 5.0 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 37.6 | - 2.9 | . |
| Ontario | + 36.0 | + 10.6 | . |
| Western Provinces | + 3.6 | + 9.2 | . |
| Drugs | + 17.8 | + 6.1 | + 14.2 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario | + 21.7 | + 9.0 | . |
| Western Provinces | + 6.4 | - 1.8 | . |
| Clothing | + 6.1 | + 6.9 | + 13.3 |
| Quebec | + 16.6 | + 11.4 | . |
| Ontario and Western Provinces | + 2.7 | + 3.4 | . |
| Footwear | + 24.2 | - 1.8 | + 45.9 |
| Quebec | + 20.1 | - 7.9 | . |
| Ontario | + 33.0 | + 17.8 | . |
| Dry Goods | + 10.8 | + 9.6 | + 14.5 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 16.5 | + 19.6 | . |
| Ontario | + 11.7 | + 5.2 | . |
| Western Provinces | + 0.8 | - 0.6 | . |
| Fruits and Vegetables | + 10.8 | + 6.5 | + 7.2 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 24.7 | + 25.2 | . |
| Ontario | + 11.3 | + 13.7 | . |
| Western Provinces | + 7.2 | - 2.2 | . |
| Groceries | + 12.1 | + 1.8 | + 0.9 |
| Maritimes | + 15.6 | + 9.0 | . |
| Quebec | + 14.5 | + 3.2 | . |
| Ontario | + 7.5 | + 3.2 | . |
| Prairies | + 12.6 | - 5.5 | . |
| British Columbia | + 16.2 | + 10.5 | . |
| Hardware | + 12.3 | - 0.2 | + 19.3 |
| Maritimes | + 13.5 | + 8.4 | . |
| Quebec | + 23.9 | + 12.5 | . |
| Ontario | + 17.0 | + 6.2 | . |
| Western Provinces | + 6.9 | - 6.0 | . |
| Tobacco and Confectionery | + 6.7 | + 8.2 | + 20.1 |
| Quebec | + 7.4 | + 13.5 | . |
| Ontario | + 10.3 | + 9.0 | . |
| Western Provinces | + 1.8 | - 1.6 | . |
| Wholesale Trade -- | | | |
| Maritimes | + 16.7 | + 8.4 | . |
| Quebec | + 17.5 | + 9.2 | . |
| Ontario | + 11.6 | + 6.7 | . |
| Prairies | + 5.9 | - 6.7 | . |
| British Columbia | + 17.2 | + 9.2 | . |
| CANADA | + 12.0 | + 3.3 | + 10.9 |

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MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA

(Average for 1930 = 100)

| Year and Month | WHOLESALE TRADE | | | | | AUTOMOTIVE | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|------------------|--------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | Canada | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | Canada | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| October, 1935 . | 94.2 | 97.7 | 98.1 | 93.0 | 91.5 | 88.3 | 120.6 | 95.1 | 112.8 | 140.6 |
| October, 1936 . | 103.8 | 107.7 | 106.3 | 98.9 | 104.7 | 99.2 | 138.7 | 104.6 | 141.1 | 155.8 |
| October, 1937 . | 107.2 | 116.7 | 116.1 | 105.5 | 97.7 | 108.3 | 134.8 | 101.6 | 156.1 | 141.5 |
| 1937 | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 70.0 | 72.5 | 62.5 | 76.5 | 62.1 | 81.7 | 62.5 | 52.9 | 68.4 | 62.6 |
| February | 73.8 | 72.7 | 71.5 | 78.4 | 65.9 | 81.8 | 61.1 | 53.3 | 68.2 | 59.3 |
| March | 91.4 | 93.0 | 89.7 | 91.5 | 84.3 | 104.8 | 76.1 | 65.2 | 86.2 | 75.4 |
| April | 94.4 | 102.5 | 96.3 | 93.9 | 84.6 | 105.5 | 98.8 | 79.5 | 98.0 | 109.3 |
| May | 96.5 | 103.0 | 100.3 | 99.3 | 82.3 | 108.9 | 105.1 | 98.3 | 100.8 | 110.3 |
| June | 100.4 | 107.6 | 103.0 | 105.5 | 85.1 | 111.5 | 96.4 | 78.4 | 110.1 | 96.1 |
| July | 97.4 | 107.3 | 87.5 | 99.5 | 91.0 | 116.8 | 89.9 | 80.6 | 109.3 | 83.3 |
| August | 98.2 | 100.8 | 92.3 | 96.8 | 95.9 | 110.6 | 107.0 | 98.0 | 109.3 | 112.2 |
| September | 113.3 | 123.6 | 118.9 | 109.3 | 108.5 | 112.4 | 144.5 | 116.7 | 166.9 | 150.1 |
| October | 107.2 | 116.7 | 116.1 | 105.5 | 97.7 | 108.3 | 134.8 | 101.6 | 156.1 | 141.5 |

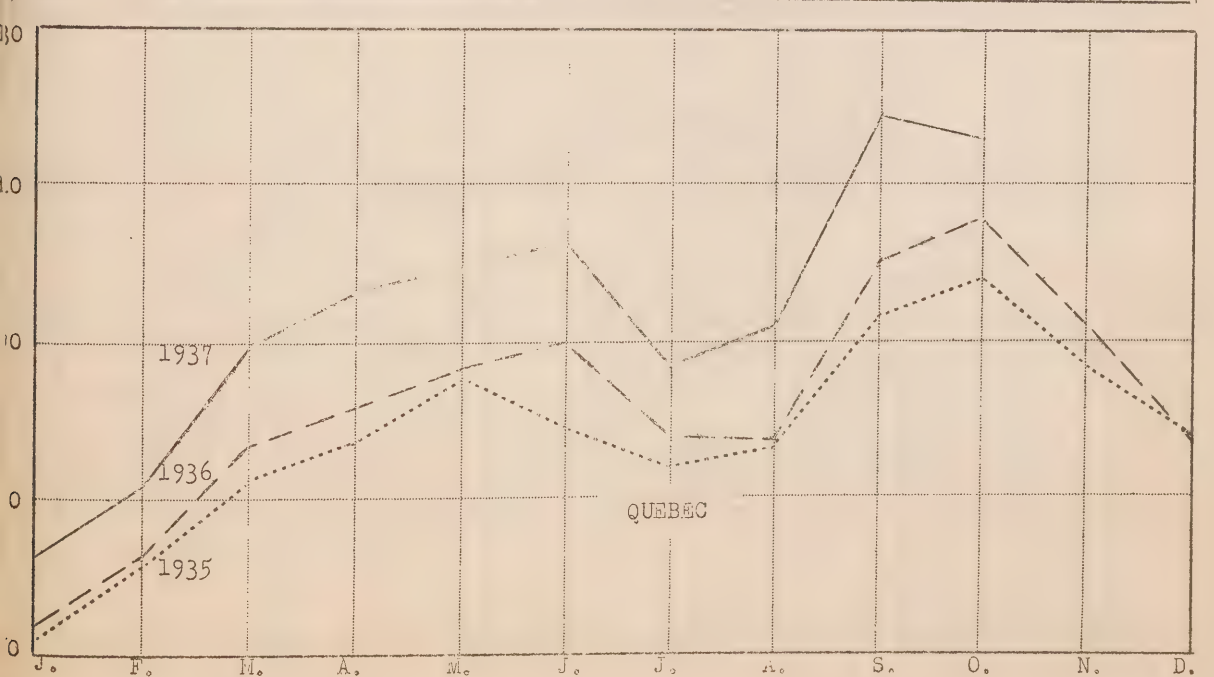
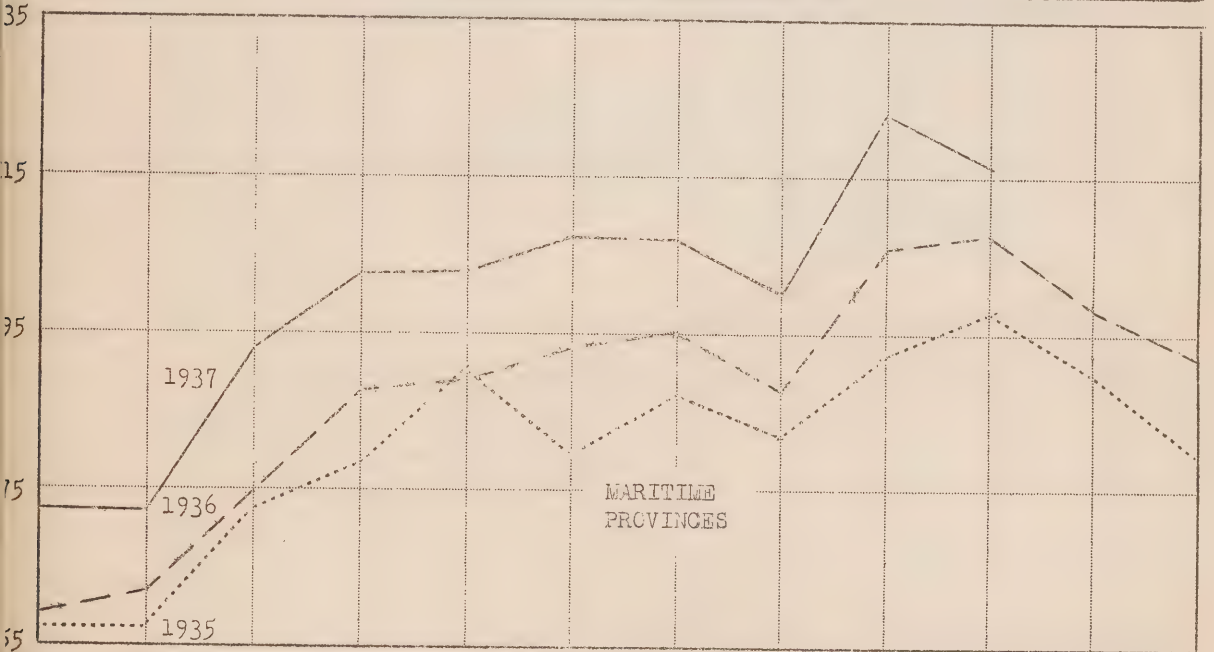
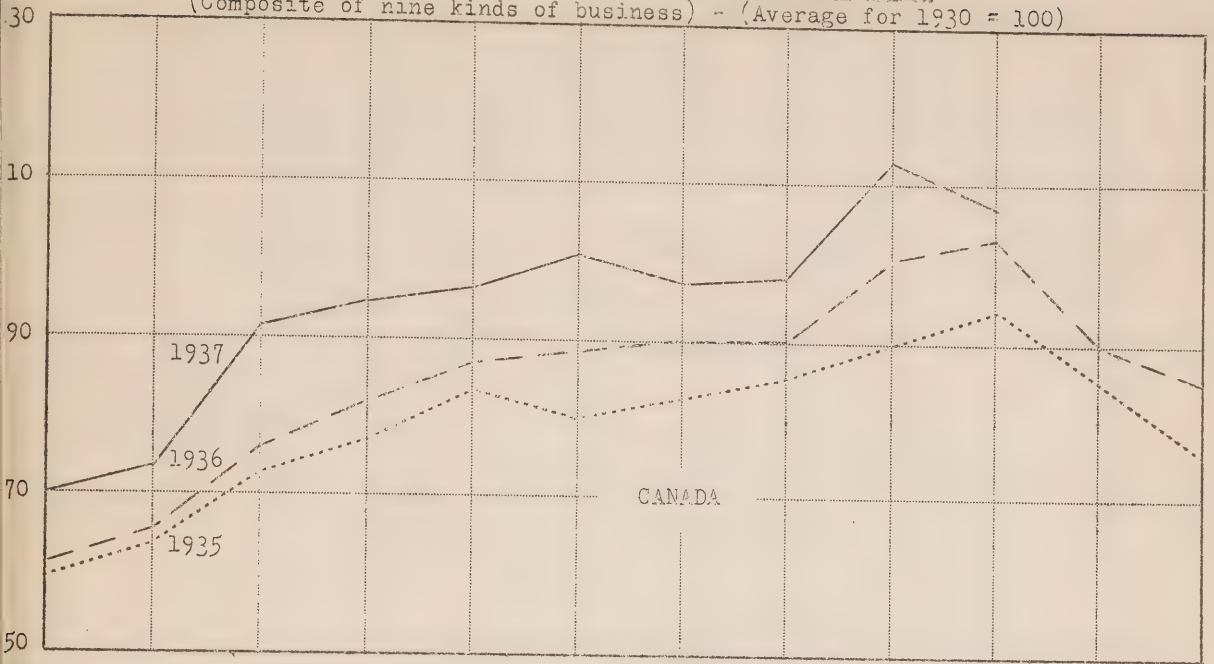
| Year and Month | DRUGS | | | CLOTHING | FOOTWEAR | DRY GOODS | | | |
|--------------------|--------|--------------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------------------|---------|----------------------|
| | Canada | Maritimes Que. & Ont. | Western Provinces | | | Canada | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| October, 1935 . | 97.6 | 100.8 | 88.9 | 135.4 | 119.1 | 94.4 | 89.0 | 97.7 | 101.2 |
| October, 1936 . | 109.8 | 112.5 | 102.1 | 133.2 | 162.9 | 102.8 | 93.4 | 102.8 | 122.2 |
| October, 1937 . | 116.5 | 122.6 | 100.3 | 142.4 | 160.0 | 112.7 | 111.7 | 108.1 | 121.5 |
| 1937 | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 96.2 | 98.2 | 90.2 | 42.6 | 51.4 | 51.4 | 40.9 | 66.7 | 52.6 |
| February | 103.2 | 106.9 | 93.8 | 67.7 | 76.6 | 70.7 | 63.1 | 83.6 | 69.4 |
| March | 104.8 | 108.9 | 94.1 | 98.6 | 103.8 | 85.1 | 82.1 | 89.6 | 86.0 |
| April | 104.5 | 107.2 | 96.7 | 90.9 | 117.2 | 84.4 | 87.3 | 83.3 | 80.6 |
| May | 98.3 | 101.8 | 88.5 | 89.8 | 111.8 | 84.0 | 85.3 | 87.6 | 76.1 |
| June | 102.6 | 105.9 | 93.0 | 81.3 | 98.7 | 79.3 | 82.6 | 85.8 | 65.2 |
| July | 101.8 | 106.5 | 88.8 | 63.1 | 61.1 | 59.6 | 53.1 | 61.6 | 70.6 |
| August | 104.8 | 109.1 | 93.4 | 113.0 | 117.2 | 88.2 | 76.5 | 88.9 | 110.9 |
| September . . . | 122.2 | 130.2 | 100.8 | 147.1 | 160.2 | 118.8 | 115.9 | 117.2 | 127.5 |
| October | 116.5 | 122.6 | 100.3 | 142.4 | 160.0 | 112.7 | 111.7 | 108.1 | 121.5 |

(Average for 1930 = 100)

| Year and Month | GROCERIES | | | | | | FRUITS AND VEGETABLES | | | |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | Canada | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | Canada | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| October, 1935 | 108.5 | 106.2 | 107.4 | 105.7 | 122.8 | 96.4 | 76.3 | 73.4 | 76.6 | 78.0 |
| October, 1936 | 115.4 | 116.4 | 115.3 | 108.2 | 133.2 | 103.5 | 83.0 | 70.7 | 80.0 | 91.0 |
| October, 1937 | 117.5 | 126.9 | 119.0 | 111.7 | 125.9 | 114.4 | 88.4 | 88.5 | 91.0 | 89.0 |
| 1937 | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 86.5 | 89.0 | 63.0 | 88.7 | 96.6 | 94.7 | 65.0 | 61.1 | 80.3 | 50.7 |
| February | 83.9 | 85.5 | 63.5 | 83.2 | 94.8 | 93.3 | 68.6 | 72.0 | 80.6 | 53.4 |
| March | 99.8 | 99.3 | 75.4 | 95.1 | 119.8 | 107.0 | 89.7 | 103.8 | 100.4 | 70.4 |
| April | 96.7 | 106.4 | 81.3 | 94.3 | 106.6 | 101.6 | 98.0 | 100.4 | 107.3 | 79.4 |
| May | 100.8 | 109.9 | 86.8 | 99.0 | 110.2 | 105.7 | 108.7 | 123.0 | 124.2 | 84.1 |
| June | 109.6 | 119.6 | 94.7 | 110.2 | 115.9 | 115.7 | 116.3 | 140.8 | 131.5 | 91.6 |
| July | 119.1 | 126.5 | 90.9 | 116.5 | 136.8 | 128.5 | 102.0 | 97.6 | 111.8 | 97.6 |
| August | 111.4 | 115.3 | 86.9 | 106.7 | 130.7 | 117.8 | 90.2 | 81.9 | 94.0 | 93.5 |
| September | 123.3 | 129.7 | 109.2 | 115.7 | 146.2 | 117.1 | 102.3 | 126.8 | 90.3 | 102.8 |
| October | 117.5 | 126.9 | 119.0 | 111.7 | 125.9 | 114.4 | 88.4 | 88.5 | 91.0 | 89.0 |

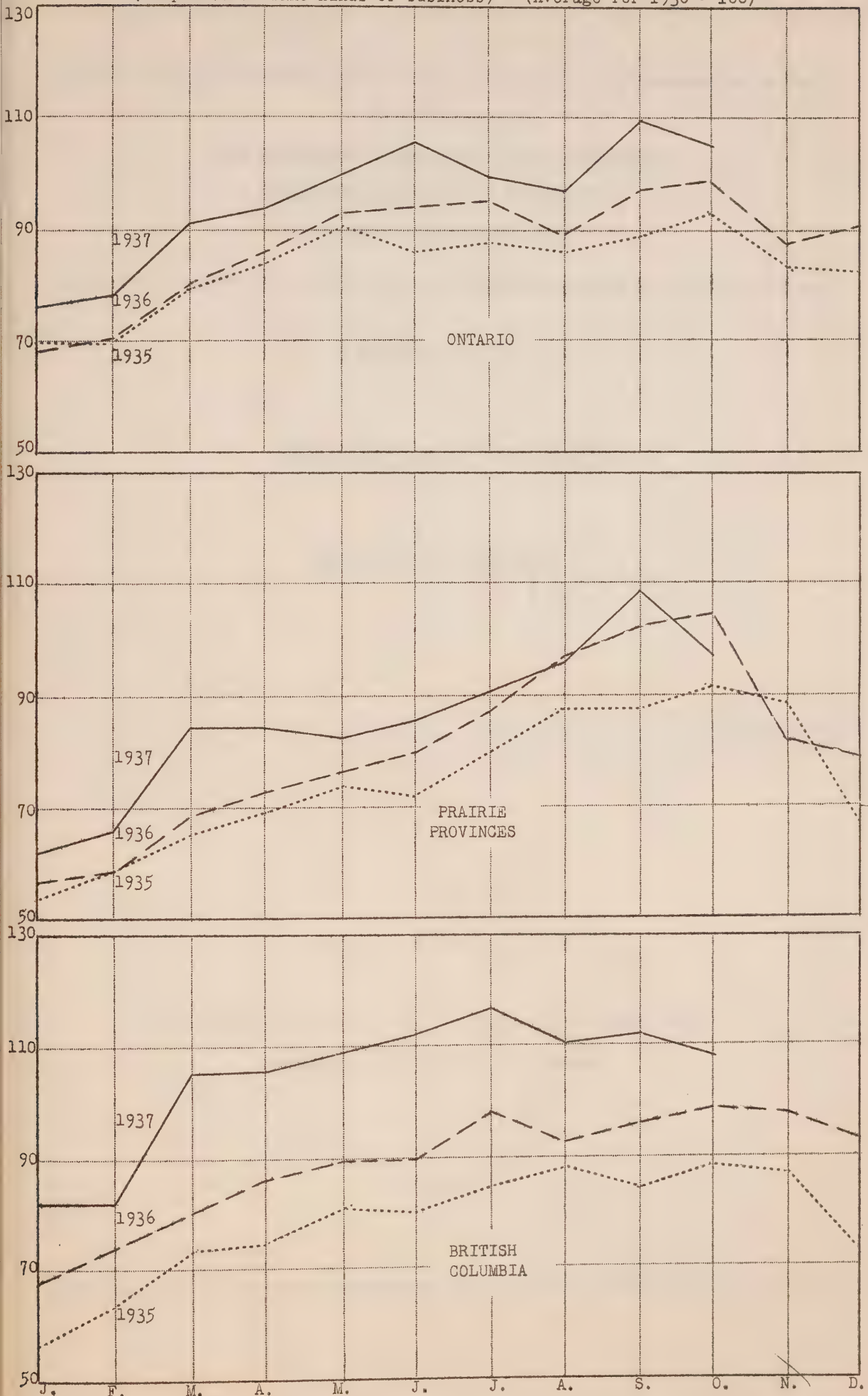
| Year and Month | HARDWARE | | | | | TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY | | | |
|---------------------|----------|-----------|--------|---------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------|---------|-------------------|
| | Canada | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces | Canada | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| October, 1935 . | 88.8 | 80.6 | 85.1 | 84.1 | 96.9 | 92.5 | 84.2 | 95.3 | 94.9 |
| October, 1936 . | 110.8 | 95.0 | 103.6 | 98.0 | 125.4 | 93.7 | 83.9 | 97.4 | 97.3 |
| October, 1937 . | 110.6 | 103.0 | 116.6 | 104.1 | 117.9 | 101.4 | 95.2 | 106.2 | 95.7 |
| 1937 | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 61.7 | 51.5 | 63.2 | 63.2 | 64.2 | 79.4 | 85.5 | 77.7 | 69.6 |
| February | 68.8 | 48.4 | 64.1 | 68.0 | 75.4 | 78.5 | 80.7 | 78.8 | 72.8 |
| March | 103.5 | 87.8 | 92.2 | 90.2 | 117.4 | 92.6 | 95.2 | 91.8 | 86.2 |
| April | 118.5 | 104.3 | 111.7 | 107.5 | 132.3 | 102.3 | 113.5 | 98.0 | 87.6 |
| May | 113.0 | 97.4 | 124.0 | 101.1 | 119.5 | 105.2 | 114.3 | 105.1 | 90.6 |
| June | 113.6 | 98.1 | 114.4 | 114.4 | 119.7 | 111.7 | 123.3 | 111.0 | 95.9 |
| July | 102.3 | 92.7 | 106.8 | 97.1 | 107.8 | 110.3 | 118.1 | 112.4 | 92.6 |
| August | 102.0 | 81.7 | 106.5 | 83.4 | 113.1 | 104.0 | 105.4 | 108.9 | 92.5 |
| September | 116.2 | 106.5 | 123.9 | 102.3 | 124.8 | 99.4 | 92.1 | 107.2 | 96.0 |
| October | 110.6 | 103.0 | 116.6 | 104.1 | 117.9 | 101.4 | 95.2 | 106.2 | 95.7 |

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MONTHLY WHOLESALE TRADE, NOVEMBER, 1937

The dollar value of wholesale trade in Canada increased 6.7 per cent in November over the corresponding month of 1936, but declined 10.4 per cent from October this year according to reports received from almost 200 wholesale houses operating in nine different lines of trade. Cumulative figures for the first eleven months of the year show an increase of almost 11 per cent over the same period of 1936. The index for November stands at 96.2 compared with 107.4 for October this year and 90.2 for November last year.

When presented separately by economic regions of the Dominion, the results indicate that combined wholesale sales in November increased in all divisions over whole-sale sales in November a year ago. The Maritimes show the largest gain with 10.0 per cent, Ontario next with 7.1 per cent, the Prairies and British Columbia with 6.8 per cent and 6.6 per cent respectively, and the Province of Quebec with an improvement of 5.0 per cent.

Six of the nine kind-of-business groups included in this monthly survey recorded improvements ranging from 12.1 per cent in the fruits and vegetables trade to 3.9 per cent in the hardware trade. The grocery trade was up 9.1 per cent from November a year ago, and the tobacco and confectionery group showed a gain of 8.0 per cent. Sales in the footwear trade were down by 14.7 per cent and the automotive trade was down 6.0 per cent. The clothing group for the first time this year shows a decrease when sales are compared with sales for the corresponding month last year; the decline was slight, however, and amounted to only 1.0 per cent.

Value of inventory on hand at the end of November was 7.3 per cent higher than the same date in 1936. The percentage gains for individual lines of trade ranged from 4 per cent in the fruits and vegetables group to 47.1 per cent in the footwear group. The grocery trade, which was the only kind of business to show a decrease in inventory value, was down 1.1 per cent.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

| | Percentage Change, 1937 Compared with 1936 | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | Sales | | Inventory |
| | (1) | (2) | |
| | October 1937 October 1936 | November 1937 November 1936 | November 1937 November 1936 |
| Automotive Equipment | - 3.1 | - 6.0 | + 8.3 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 2.9 | - 1.8 | |
| Ontario | + 13.7 | - 5.6 | |
| Western Provinces | - 12.0 | - 7.8 | |
| Drugs | + 6.5 | + 5.8 | + 6.6 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario ... | + 9.4 | + 8.1 | |
| Western Provinces | - 1.8 | - 0.4 | |
| Clothing | + 6.9 | - 1.0 | + 9.8 |
| Quebec | + 11.4 | + 2.4 | |
| Ontario and Western Provinces ... | + 3.4 | - 4.1 | |
| Footwear | - 2.1 | - 14.7 | + 47.1 |
| Quebec | - 7.9 | - 13.2 | |
| Ontario | + 13.0 | - 17.6 | |
| Dry Goods | + 9.4 | + 5.7 | + 12.8 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 19.8 | + 2.6 | |
| Ontario | + 4.2 | + 6.2 | |
| Western Provinces | - 0.6 | + 10.1 | |
| Fruits and Vegetables | + 7.0 | + 12.1 | + 1.4 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 25.2 | + 11.9 | |
| Ontario | + 14.7 | + 11.7 | |
| Western Provinces | - 2.2 | + 6.3 | |
| Groceries | + 1.9 | + 9.1 | - 1.1 |
| Maritimes | + 9.0 | + 15.2 | |
| Quebec | + 3.4 | + 8.2 | |
| Ontario | + 3.1 | + 6.1 | |
| Prairies | - 5.5 | + 12.0 | |
| British Columbia | + 10.5 | + 6.5 | |
| Hardware | + 0.5 | + 3.9 | + 16.1 |
| Maritimes | + 8.4 | + 3.9 | |
| Quebec | + 12.3 | + 6.9 | |
| Ontario | + 6.2 | + 8.2 | |
| Western Provinces | - 6.0 | + 0.8 | |
| Tobacco and Confectionery | + 8.0 | + 8.0 | + 2.9 |
| Quebec | + 13.5 | + 4.3 | |
| Ontario | + 9.0 | + 15.9 | |
| Western Provinces | - 0.2 | + 3.9 | |
| Wholesale Trade -- | | | |
| Maritimes | + 8.4 | + 10.0 | |
| Quebec | + 9.5 | + 5.0 | |
| Ontario | + 6.8 | + 7.1 | |
| Prairies | - 6.9 | + 6.8 | |
| British Columbia | + 9.3 | + 6.6 | |
| CANADA | + 3.5 | + 6.7 | + 7.3 |

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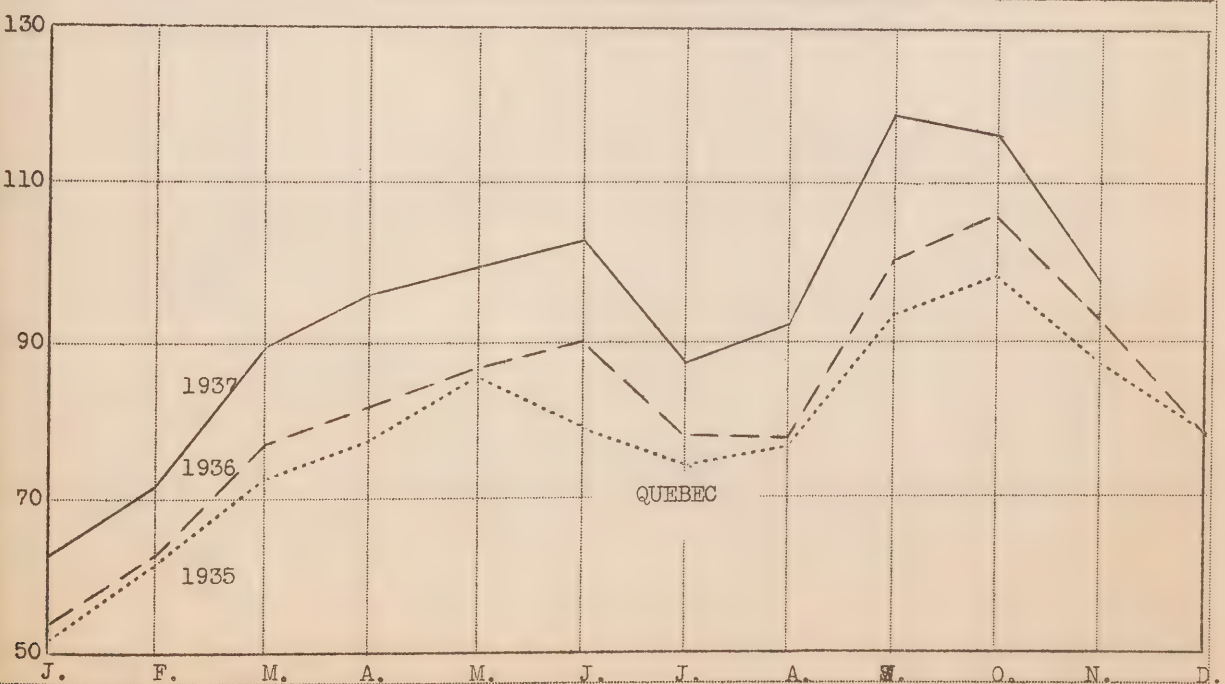
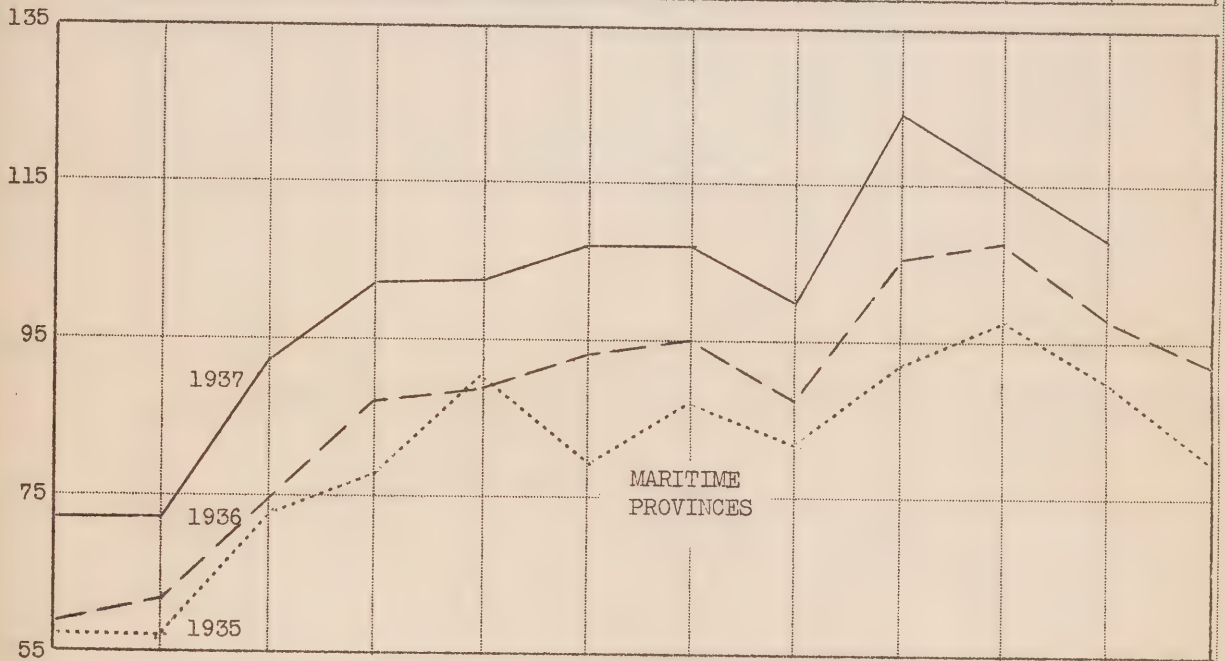
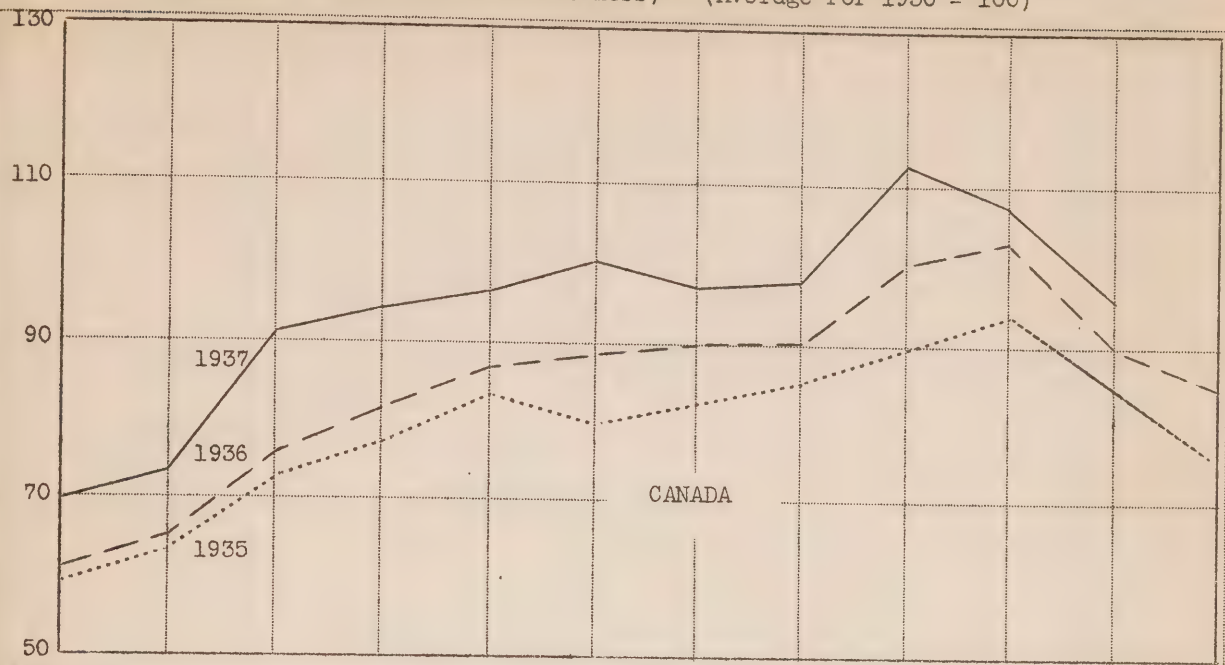
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| Year and Month | WHOLESALE TRADE | | | | | | AUTOMOTIVE | | | | |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|------------------|------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|--|
| | Canada | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | Canada | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| November, 1935 | 84.7 | 90.4 | 87.0 | 84.0 | 79.1 | 87.2 | 93.0 | 80.4 | 99.4 | 95.9 | |
| November, 1936 | 90.2 | 98.2 | 93.5 | 88.5 | 82.1 | 98.2 | 110.9 | 89.6 | 119.3 | 116.8 | |
| November, 1937 | 96.2 | 108.0 | 98.2 | 94.8 | 87.7 | 104.7 | 104.2 | 88.0 | 112.6 | 107.7 | |
| 1937 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 70.0 | 72.5 | 62.5 | 76.5 | 62.1 | 81.7 | 62.5 | 52.9 | 68.4 | 62.6 | |
| February ... | 73.8 | 72.7 | 71.5 | 78.4 | 65.9 | 81.8 | 61.1 | 53.3 | 68.2 | 59.3 | |
| March | 91.4 | 93.0 | 89.7 | 91.5 | 84.3 | 104.8 | 76.1 | 65.2 | 86.2 | 75.4 | |
| April | 94.4 | 102.5 | 96.3 | 93.9 | 84.6 | 105.5 | 98.8 | 79.5 | 98.0 | 109.3 | |
| May | 96.5 | 103.0 | 100.3 | 99.3 | 82.3 | 108.9 | 105.1 | 98.3 | 100.8 | 110.3 | |
| June | 100.4 | 107.6 | 103.0 | 105.5 | 85.1 | 111.5 | 96.4 | 78.4 | 110.1 | 96.1 | |
| July | 97.4 | 107.3 | 87.5 | 99.5 | 91.0 | 116.8 | 89.9 | 80.6 | 109.3 | 83.3 | |
| August | 98.2 | 100.8 | 92.3 | 96.8 | 95.9 | 110.6 | 107.0 | 98.0 | 109.3 | 112.2 | |
| September .. | 113.3 | 123.6 | 118.9 | 109.2 | 108.5 | 112.4 | 143.1 | 116.7 | 158.2 | 150.1 | |
| October | 107.4 | 116.7 | 116.4 | 105.6 | 97.5 | 108.4 | 134.4 | 101.6 | 160.4 | 137.1 | |
| November ... | 96.2 | 108.0 | 98.2 | 94.8 | 87.7 | 104.7 | 104.2 | 88.0 | 112.6 | 107.7 | |
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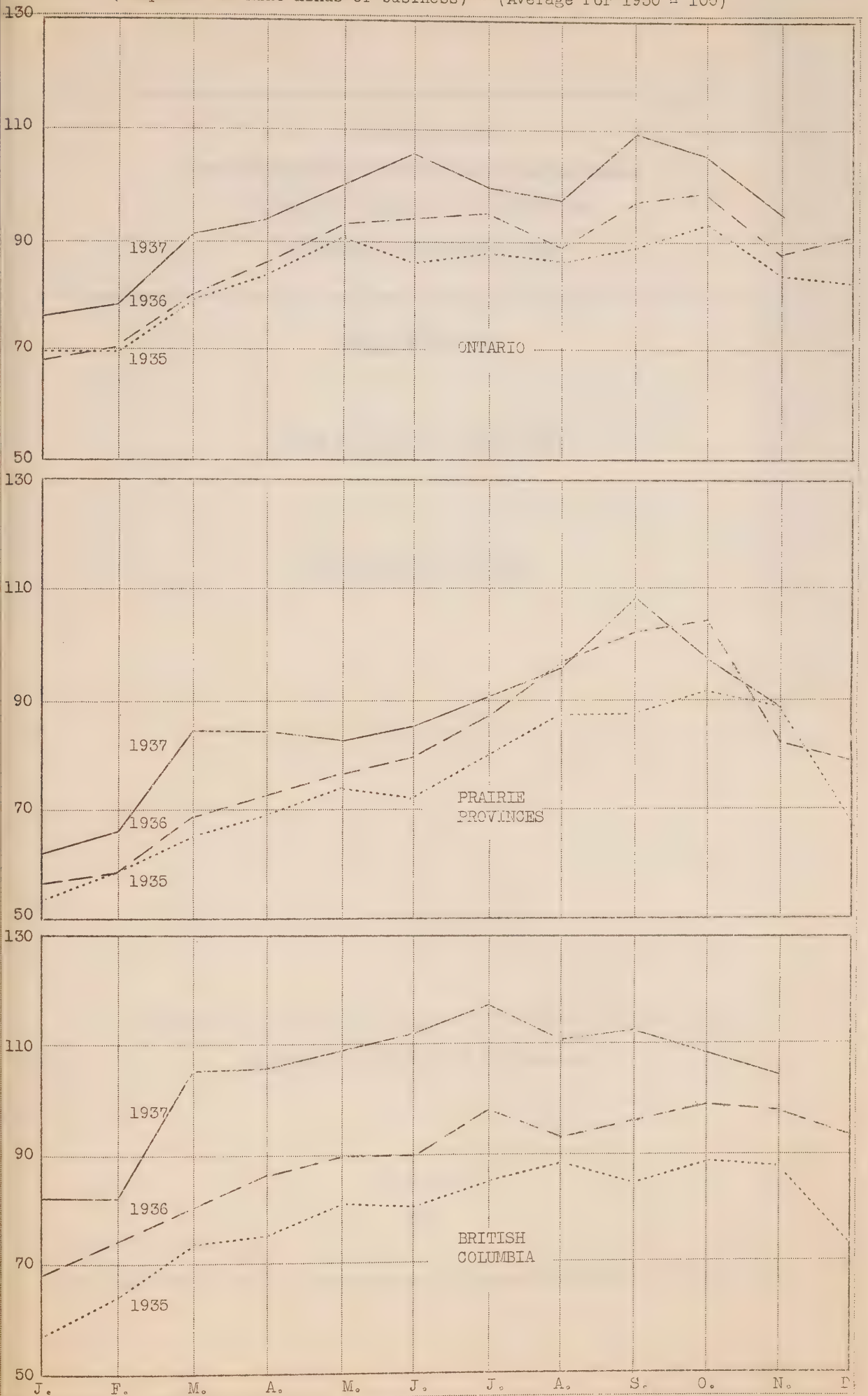
| Year and Month | GROCERIES | | | | | FRUITS AND VEGETABLES | | | | |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|-----------------------|--------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | Canada | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | Canada | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| November, 1935 . | 97.4 | 102.4 | 93.3 | 95.5 | 106.8 | 92.3 | 67.4 | 67.1 | 67.6 | 67.3 |
| November, 1936 . | 102.3 | 107.9 | 103.0 | 97.3 | 106.5 | 107.2 | 70.2 | 67.8 | 72.8 | 69.4 |
| November, 1937 . | 111.5 | 124.3 | 111.4 | 103.2 | 119.3 | 114.2 | 78.7 | 75.9 | 81.3 | 73.8 |
| 1937 | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 86.5 | 89.0 | 63.0 | 88.7 | 96.6 | 94.7 | 65.0 | 61.1 | 80.3 | 50.7 |
| February | 83.9 | 85.5 | 63.5 | 83.2 | 94.8 | 93.3 | 68.6 | 72.0 | 80.6 | 53.4 |
| March | 99.8 | 99.3 | 75.4 | 95.1 | 119.8 | 107.0 | 89.7 | 103.8 | 100.4 | 70.4 |
| April | 96.7 | 106.4 | 81.3 | 94.3 | 106.6 | 101.6 | 98.0 | 100.4 | 107.3 | 79.4 |
| May | 100.8 | 109.9 | 86.8 | 99.0 | 110.2 | 105.7 | 108.7 | 123.0 | 124.2 | 84.1 |
| June | 109.6 | 119.6 | 94.7 | 110.2 | 115.9 | 115.7 | 116.3 | 140.8 | 131.5 | 91.6 |
| July | 119.1 | 126.5 | 90.9 | 116.5 | 136.8 | 128.5 | 102.0 | 97.6 | 111.8 | 97.6 |
| August | 111.4 | 115.3 | 86.9 | 106.7 | 130.7 | 117.8 | 90.2 | 81.9 | 94.0 | 93.5 |
| September | 123.3 | 129.7 | 109.2 | 115.7 | 146.2 | 117.1 | 102.3 | 126.8 | 90.3 | 102.8 |
| October | 117.6 | 126.9 | 119.2 | 111.6 | 125.9 | 114.4 | 88.8 | 88.5 | 91.8 | 89.0 |
| November | 111.6 | 124.3 | 111.4 | 103.2 | 119.3 | 114.2 | 78.7 | 75.9 | 81.3 | 73.8 |

| Year and Month | HARDWARE | | | | | TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY | | | |
|------------------|----------|-----------|--------|---------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------|---------|-------------------|
| | Canada | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces | Canada | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| November, 1935 . | 81.9 | 71.3 | 75.9 | 75.1 | 91.3 | 87.8 | 84.4 | 86.1 | 91.4 |
| November, 1936 . | 93.3 | 81.3 | 92.2 | 83.6 | 102.3 | 91.8 | 89.4 | 89.2 | 94.7 |
| November, 1937 . | 96.9 | 84.5 | 98.6 | 90.5 | 103.1 | 99.1 | 93.2 | 103.4 | 98.4 |
| 1937 | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 61.7 | 51.5 | 63.2 | 63.2 | 64.2 | 79.4 | 85.5 | 77.7 | 69.6 |
| February | 68.8 | 48.4 | 64.1 | 68.0 | 75.4 | 78.5 | 80.7 | 78.8 | 72.8 |
| March | 103.5 | 87.8 | 92.2 | 90.2 | 117.4 | 92.6 | 95.2 | 91.8 | 86.2 |
| April | 118.5 | 104.3 | 111.7 | 107.5 | 132.3 | 102.3 | 113.5 | 98.0 | 87.6 |
| May | 113.0 | 97.4 | 124.0 | 101.1 | 119.5 | 105.2 | 114.3 | 105.1 | 90.6 |
| June | 113.6 | 98.1 | 114.4 | 114.4 | 119.7 | 111.7 | 123.3 | 111.0 | 95.9 |
| July | 102.3 | 92.7 | 106.8 | 97.1 | 107.8 | 110.3 | 118.1 | 112.4 | 92.6 |
| August | 102.0 | 81.7 | 106.5 | 83.4 | 113.1 | 104.0 | 105.4 | 108.9 | 92.5 |
| September | 111.4 | 103.6 | 123.3 | 104.3 | 124.8 | 89.4 | 92.1 | 106.2 | 96.0 |
| October | 111.4 | 103.6 | 123.3 | 104.3 | 124.8 | 89.4 | 92.1 | 106.2 | 96.0 |
| November | 96.9 | 84.5 | 98.6 | 90.5 | 103.1 | 99.1 | 93.2 | 103.4 | 98.4 |

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MONTHLY WHOLESALE TRADE, DECEMBER, 1937

(Preliminary Totals for the Year)

Wholesale trade in Canada declined seasonally in December from the level of the immediately preceding months but was about 1 per cent above December, 1936, according to monthly sales figures received from some 200 wholesale houses covering 9 different lines of business. The general index on the basis of average monthly sales in 1930 as 100 was 86.2 for December 1937, compared with 96.6 for November, 85.6 for December 1936, and 75.9 for December 1935.

December comparisons for the several economic divisions of the country revealed mixed trends. Quebec reported the best increase at 9.3 per cent; sales in the Maritimes were up 4.4 per cent, and British Columbia, 3.0 per cent. The Ontario gain was similar to that for the Dominion as a whole at 0.7 per cent, while December sales in the Prairie Provinces were down by 6.6 per cent compared with December a year ago.

Six of the nine separate kinds of business for which data are available reported increased sales compared with December, 1936. The footwear group was up 12.0 per cent; tobacco and confectionery, 8.1 per cent; drugs, 8.0 per cent; automotive equipment, 5.6 per cent, and clothing, 2.3 per cent. Increases in the wholesale grocery trade in the Maritimes, Quebec and British Columbia were offset by minor reductions in Ontario and the Prairie Provinces, resulting in no change for the group as a whole. Fruits and vegetables declined 1.9 per cent and the wholesale hardware trade was down by 1.1 per cent.

Preliminary totals for the year show an average increase of 10.1 per cent over 1936, the general index for 1937 standing at 93.8 or within 7 per cent of the 1930 base. All regions reported increased annual sales compared with 1936. British Columbia led with a gain of 16.8 per cent followed by the Maritime Provinces at 14.2 per cent and Quebec at 13.5 per cent. More moderate although substantial gains of 8.5 per cent and 7.6 per cent were recorded in Ontario and the Prairie Provinces respectively.

Increased annual sales compared with 1936 extended to all lines of business included in this survey. Gains in the wholesale hardware trade of 17.6 per cent in the Maritime Provinces, 23.7 per cent in Quebec, 17.0 per cent in Ontario and 13.9 per cent in the Western Provinces (including the Prairie Provinces and British Columbia) combined to effect a net increase of 16.7 per cent for the hardware group.

The tobacco and confectionery group was up 12.8 per cent; drugs, 11.4 per cent; dry goods, 10.8 per cent; footwear, 10.7 per cent; fruits and vegetables, 9.3 per cent; clothing, 8.9 per cent; groceries, 8.0 per cent, and automotive equipment, 5.8 per cent.

Inventories at the close of 1937 averaged 6.9 per cent greater than at the end of the preceding year but results for individual lines of trade varied widely from this average. Inventory in the footwear trade was reported 50.0 per cent higher than at the end of 1936 and the clothing trade was up 20.0 per cent. On the other hand, inventories in the fruits and vegetable trade were down by 0.5 per cent and groceries were down by 1.9 per cent.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

| | Percentage Change, 1937 Compared With 1936 | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------|------------------------|---|
| | Sales | | | Inventory December 1937 December 1936 |
| | (1) | (2) | Year 1937 Year 1936 | |
| | November 1937 November 1936 | December 1937 December 1936 | | |
| Automotive Equipment | - 5.4 | + 5.6 | + 7.8 | + 0.5 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 1.8 | + 33.1 | + 15.4 | |
| Ontario | - 3.7 | + 9.7 | + 11.7 | |
| Western Provinces | - 7.8 | - 6.3 | + 2.8 | |
| Rugs | + 6.7 | + 8.0 | + 11.4 | + 0.5 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario | + 9.2 | + 9.2 | + 13.2 | |
| Western Provinces | - 0.4 | + 4.4 | + 6.3 | |
| Clothing | - 0.3 | + 2.3 | + 8.9 | + 20.3 |
| Quebec | + 3.0 | - 4.4 | + 11.8 | |
| Ontario and Western Provinces | - 4.1 | - 9.4 | + 6.7 | |
| Footwear | - 14.7 | + 12.0 | + 10.7 | + 50.0 |
| Quebec | - 13.2 | + 20.1 | + 8.5 | |
| Ontario | - 17.6 | - 3.6 | + 14.4 | |
| Toy Goods | + 6.2 | + 0.6 | + 10.8 | + 13.3 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 3.6 | + 1.8 | + 13.0 | |
| Ontario | + 6.6 | + 1.7 | + 9.7 | |
| Western Provinces | + 10.1 | - 3.7 | + 8.3 | |
| Fruits and Vegetables | + 13.0 | - 1.9 | + 9.3 | - 0.5 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 10.3 | - 19.7 | + 14.4 | |
| Ontario | + 16.0 | + 3.9 | + 9.1 | |
| Western Provinces | + 13.0 | - 10.0 | + 7.2 | |
| Groceries | + 9.2 | (X) | + 8.0 | - 1.9 |
| Maritimes | + 15.2 | + 5.4 | + 13.6 | |
| Quebec | + 9.4 | + 10.2 | + 9.9 | |
| Ontario | + 6.1 | - 2.0 | + 4.8 | |
| Prairies | + 11.7 | - 3.6 | + 5.4 | |
| British Columbia | + 6.5 | - 1.7 | + 15.5 | |
| Hardware | + 3.8 | - 4.1 | + 16.7 | + 16.6 |
| Maritimes | + 3.9 | + 1.1 | + 17.6 | |
| Quebec | + 6.9 | + 3.7 | + 23.7 | |
| Ontario | + 8.2 | - 5.8 | + 17.0 | |
| Western Provinces | + 1.4 | - 6.2 | + 13.9 | |
| Tobacco and Confectionery | + 7.9 | + 8.1 | + 12.8 | + 6.7 |
| Quebec | + 4.3 | + 10.5 | + 18.4 | |
| Ontario | + 15.9 | + 8.5 | + 11.5 | |
| Western Provinces | + 4.5 | + 3.7 | + 6.2 | |
| Wholesale Trade -- | | | | |
| Maritimes | + 10.0 | + 4.4 | + 14.2 | |
| Quebec | + 5.8 | + 9.3 | + 13.5 | |
| Ontario | + 7.2 | + 0.7 | + 8.5 | |
| Prairies | + 7.9 | - 6.6 | + 5.6 | |
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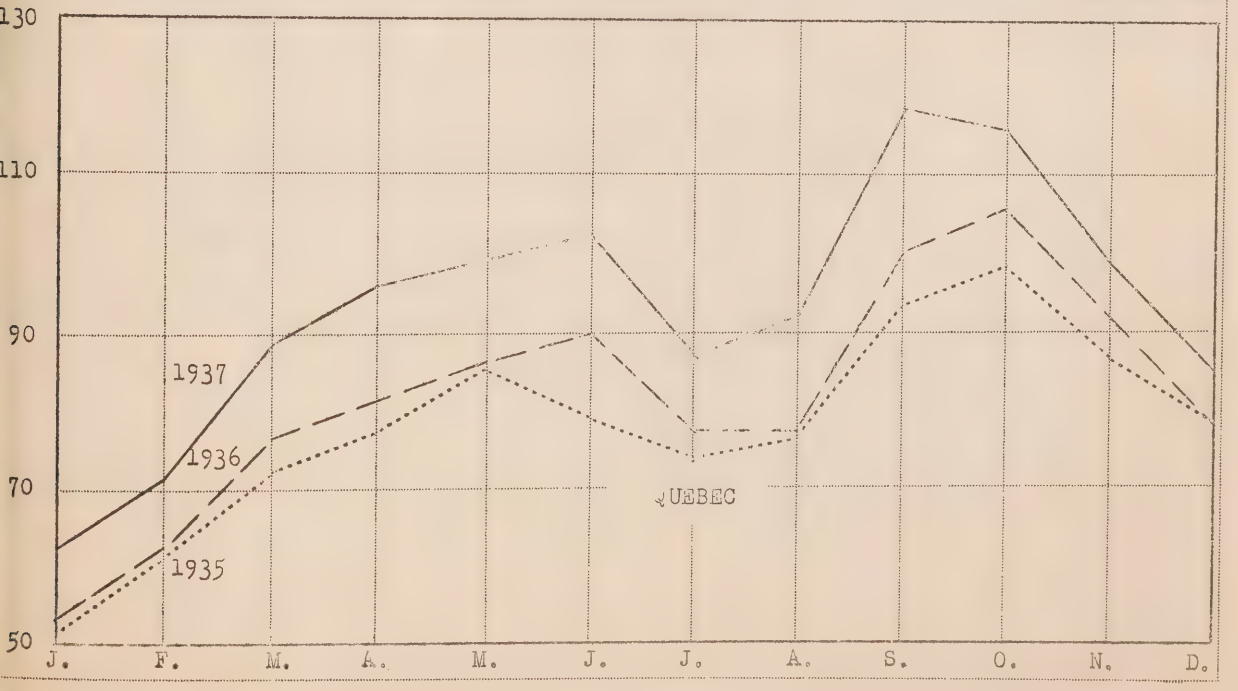
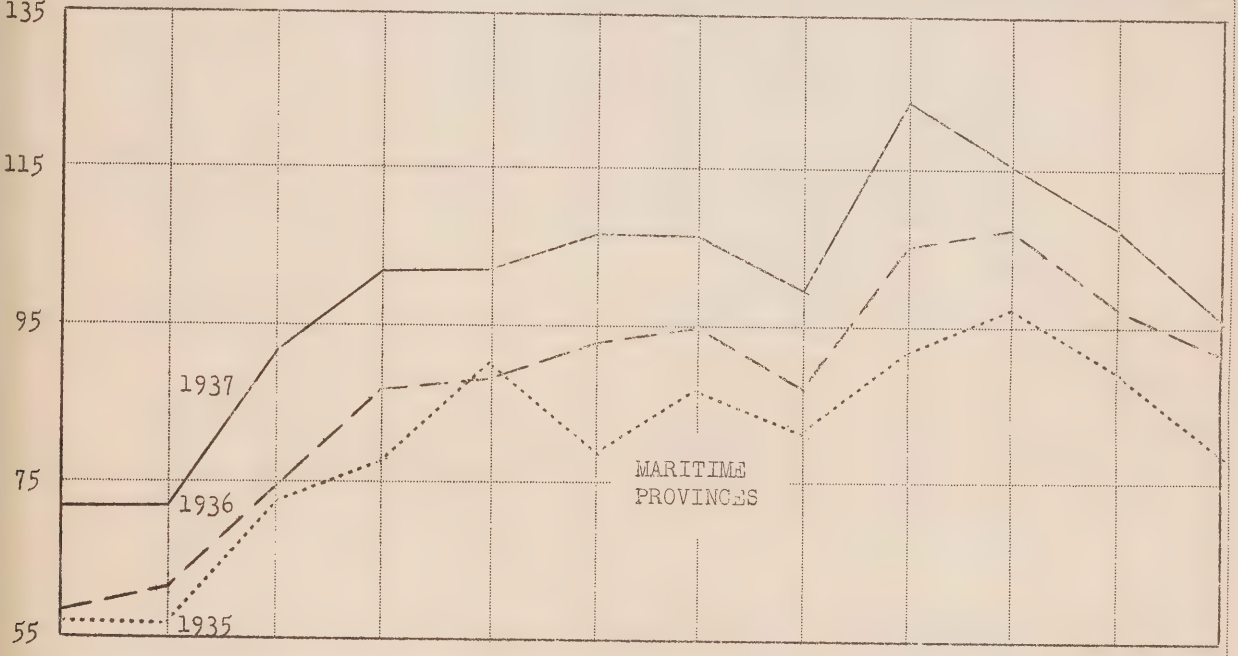
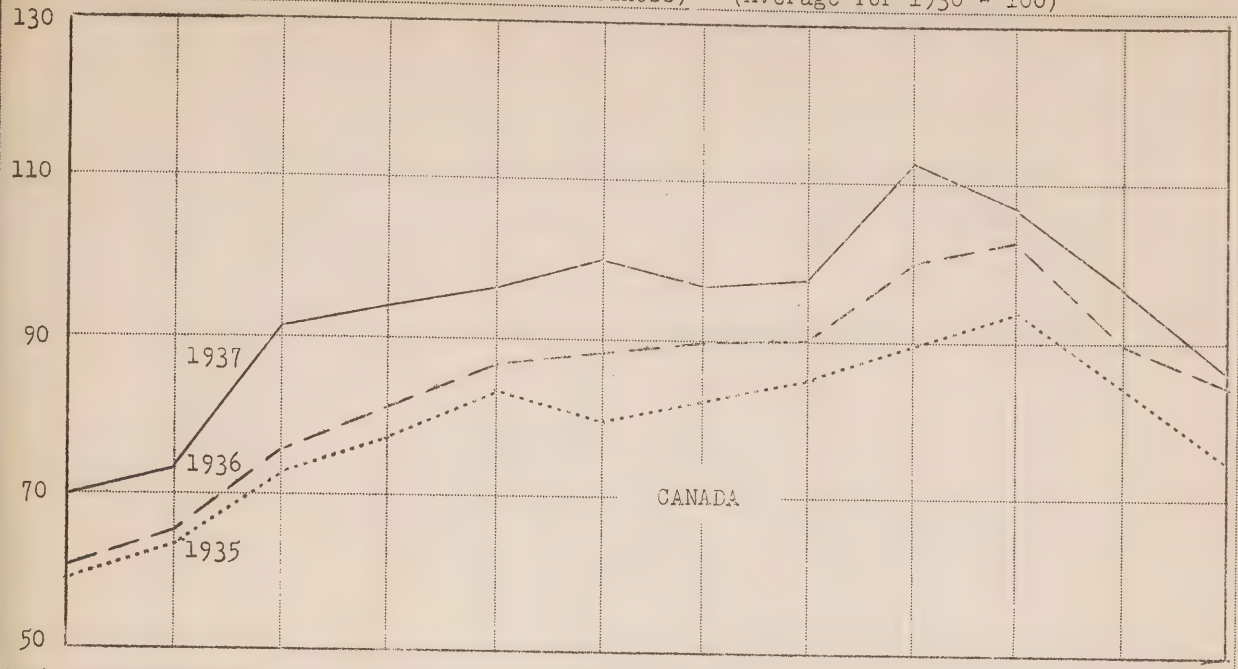
| Year and Month | WHOLESALE TRADE | | | | | AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|----------------------|--------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | Canada | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | Canada | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| December, 1935 | 75.9 | 77.8 | 70.0 | 82.6 | 66.2 | 73.4 | 69.8 | 62.0 | 81.9 | 65.7 |
| December, 1936 | 85.6 | 92.4 | 78.3 | 91.0 | 70.6 | 93.4 | 82.9 | 67.9 | 91.9 | 84.8 |
| December, 1937 | 86.2 | 96.5 | 85.6 | 91.6 | 73.4 | 96.2 | 87.5 | 90.4 | 100.8 | 79.5 |
| 1937 - January | 70.0 | 72.5 | 62.5 | 76.5 | 62.1 | 81.7 | 62.5 | 52.9 | 68.4 | 62.6 |
| February | 73.8 | 72.7 | 71.5 | 78.4 | 65.9 | 81.8 | 61.1 | 53.3 | 68.2 | 59.3 |
| March | 91.4 | 93.0 | 89.7 | 91.5 | 84.3 | 104.8 | 76.1 | 65.2 | 86.2 | 75.4 |
| April | 94.4 | 102.5 | 96.3 | 93.9 | 84.6 | 105.5 | 98.8 | 79.5 | 98.0 | 109.3 |
| May | 96.5 | 103.0 | 100.3 | 99.3 | 82.3 | 108.9 | 105.1 | 98.3 | 100.8 | 110.3 |
| June | 100.4 | 107.6 | 103.0 | 105.5 | 85.1 | 111.5 | 96.4 | 78.4 | 110.1 | 96.1 |
| July | 97.4 | 107.3 | 87.5 | 99.5 | 91.0 | 116.8 | 89.9 | 80.6 | 109.3 | 83.3 |
| August | 98.2 | 100.8 | 92.3 | 96.8 | 95.9 | 110.6 | 107.0 | 98.0 | 109.3 | 112.2 |
| September | 113.3 | 123.6 | 118.9 | 109.2 | 108.5 | 112.4 | 143.1 | 116.7 | 158.2 | 150.1 |
| October | 107.4 | 116.7 | 116.4 | 105.6 | 97.5 | 108.5 | 134.4 | 101.6 | 160.4 | 137.1 |
| November | 96.6 | 108.0 | 98.9 | 94.9 | 88.6 | 104.2 | 104.9 | 88.0 | 114.9 | 107.7 |
| December | 86.2 | 96.5 | 85.6 | 91.6 | 73.4 | 96.2 | 87.5 | 90.4 | 100.8 | 79.5 |
| Yearly Average | 93.8 | 100.5 | 93.5 | 95.0 | 84.9 | 103.6 | 97.3 | 84.6 | 106.3 | 98.8 |

| Year and month | DRUGS | | | Western Provinces | CLOTHING | | FOOTWEAR | | DRY GOODS | | |
|-----------------|--------|-----------------------|-----------|-------------------|----------|--------|----------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------|--|
| | Canada | Maritimes Que. & Ont. | Provinces | | Canada | Canada | Canada | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces | |
| December, 1935 | 67.1 | 91.2 | 76.2 | 87.3 | 120.1 | 62.5 | 62.3 | 70.0 | 53.3 | | |
| December, 1936 | 96.7 | 101.0 | 85.3 | 82.6 | 86.4 | 66.3 | 63.7 | 72.1 | 64.1 | | |
| December, 1937 | 104.4 | 110.3 | 89.1 | 84.5 | 96.8 | 66.7 | 64.8 | 73.3 | 61.7 | | |
| 1937 - January | 96.2 | 98.2 | 90.2 | 42.6 | 51.4 | 51.4 | 40.9 | 66.7 | 52.6 | | |
| February | 103.2 | 106.9 | 93.8 | 67.7 | 76.6 | 70.7 | 63.1 | 83.6 | 69.4 | | |
| March | 104.8 | 108.9 | 94.1 | 98.6 | 103.8 | 85.1 | 82.1 | 89.6 | 86.0 | | |
| April | 104.5 | 107.2 | 96.7 | 90.9 | 117.2 | 84.4 | 87.3 | 83.3 | 80.6 | | |
| May | 98.3 | 101.8 | 88.5 | 89.8 | 111.8 | 84.0 | 85.3 | 87.6 | 76.1 | | |
| June | 102.6 | 105.9 | 93.0 | 81.3 | 98.7 | 79.3 | 82.6 | 85.8 | 65.2 | | |
| July | 101.8 | 106.5 | 88.8 | 63.1 | 61.1 | 59.6 | 53.1 | 61.6 | 70.6 | | |
| August | 104.8 | 109.1 | 93.4 | 113.0 | 117.2 | 88.2 | 76.5 | 88.9 | 110.9 | | |
| September | 122.2 | 130.2 | 100.8 | 147.1 | 160.2 | 118.8 | 115.9 | 117.2 | 127.5 | | |
| October | 116.9 | 123.1 | 100.3 | 142.8 | 159.5 | 112.5 | 111.9 | 107.1 | 121.5 | | |
| November | 111.4 | 116.3 | 98.1 | 110.9 | 93.7 | 92.6 | 83.3 | 95.4 | 108.2 | | |
| December | 104.4 | 110.3 | 89.1 | 84.5 | 96.8 | 66.7 | 64.8 | 73.3 | 61.7 | | |
| Yearly Average. | 105.8 | 110.3 | 93.9 | 94.1 | 103.3 | 82.8 | 78.9 | 86.2 | 86.0 | | |

| Year and Month | GROCERIES | | | | | | FRUITS AND VEGETABLES | | |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| | Canada | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | Canada | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario Western Provinces |
| December, 1935 | 87.8 | 87.8 | 76.2 | 94.9 | 97.1 | 75.8 | 76.2 | 77.4 | 82.7 |
| December, 1936 | 99.0 | 107.1 | 78.9 | 102.8 | 110.3 | 97.0 | 86.6 | 74.1 | 91.1 |
| December, 1937 | 99.0 | 112.9 | 86.9 | 100.7 | 106.3 | 98.6 | 85.0 | 88.7 | 94.7 |
| 1937 - January | 86.5 | 89.0 | 63.0 | 88.7 | 96.6 | 94.7 | 65.0 | 61.1 | 80.3 |
| February | 83.9 | 85.5 | 63.5 | 83.2 | 94.8 | 93.3 | 68.6 | 72.0 | 80.6 |
| March | 99.8 | 99.3 | 75.4 | 95.1 | 119.8 | 107.0 | 89.7 | 103.8 | 100.6 |
| April | 96.7 | 106.4 | 81.3 | 94.3 | 106.6 | 101.6 | 98.0 | 100.4 | 107.3 |
| May | 100.8 | 109.9 | 86.8 | 99.0 | 110.2 | 105.7 | 108.7 | 123.0 | 124.2 |
| June | 109.6 | 119.6 | 94.7 | 110.2 | 115.9 | 115.7 | 116.3 | 140.8 | 131.5 |
| July | 119.1 | 126.5 | 90.9 | 116.5 | 136.8 | 128.5 | 102.0 | 97.6 | 111.8 |
| August | 111.4 | 115.3 | 86.9 | 106.7 | 130.7 | 117.8 | 90.2 | 81.9 | 94.0 |
| September | 123.3 | 129.7 | 109.2 | 115.7 | 146.2 | 117.1 | 102.3 | 126.8 | 90.3 |
| October | 117.5 | 126.9 | 119.2 | 111.6 | 125.9 | 114.4 | 88.9 | 88.5 | 91.8 |
| November | 111.7 | 124.3 | 112.7 | 103.2 | 119.0 | 114.2 | 79.9 | 74.8 | 85.0 |
| December | 99.0 | 112.9 | 86.9 | 100.7 | 106.3 | 98.6 | 85.0 | 88.7 | 94.7 |
| Yearly Average: | 105.1 | 112.2 | 89.7 | 102.1 | 117.5 | 108.9 | 91.7 | 96.6 | 99.7 |
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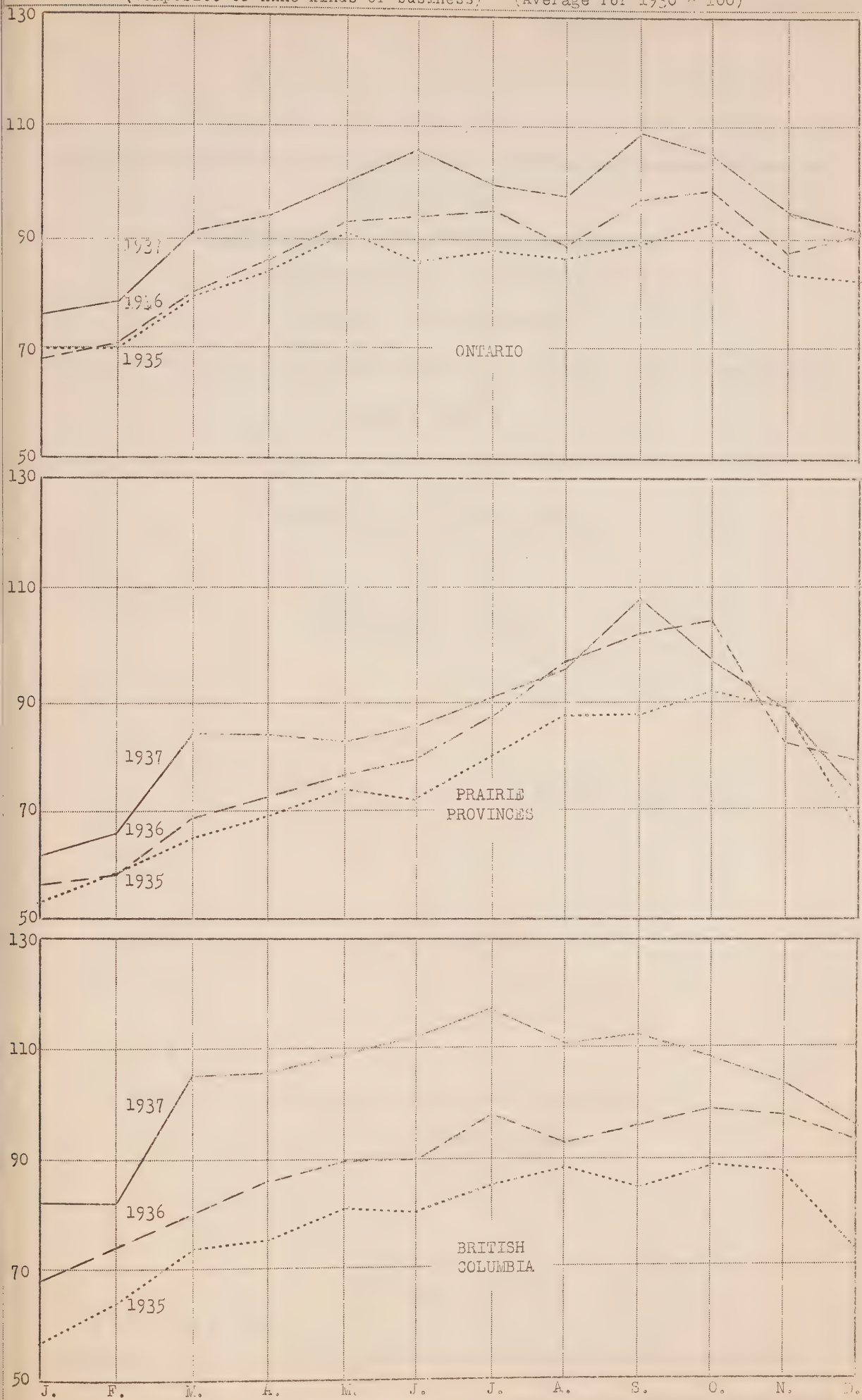
| Year and Month | HARDWARE | | | | | TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY | | | |
|-----------------|----------|-----------|--------|---------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------|---------|-------------------|
| | Canada | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces | Canada | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| December, 1935 | 64.7 | 52.0 | 62.3 | 69.0 | 68.6 | 94.7 | 92.9 | 94.7 | 95.0 |
| December, 1936 | 85.7 | 64.0 | 80.5 | 90.5 | 92.6 | 102.5 | 97.7 | 106.0 | 103.3 |
| December, 1937 | 82.2 | 64.7 | 83.5 | 85.3 | 86.9 | 110.8 | 108.0 | 115.0 | 107.1 |
| 1937 - January | 61.7 | 51.5 | 63.2 | 63.2 | 64.2 | 79.4 | 85.5 | 77.7 | 69.6 |
| February | 68.8 | 48.4 | 64.1 | 68.0 | 75.4 | 78.5 | 80.7 | 78.8 | 72.8 |
| March | 103.5 | 87.8 | 92.2 | 90.2 | 117.4 | 92.6 | 95.2 | 91.8 | 86.2 |
| April | 118.5 | 104.3 | 111.7 | 107.5 | 132.3 | 102.3 | 113.5 | 98.0 | 87.6 |
| May | 113.0 | 97.4 | 124.0 | 101.1 | 119.5 | 105.2 | 114.3 | 105.1 | 90.6 |
| June | 113.6 | 98.1 | 114.4 | 114.4 | 119.7 | 111.7 | 123.3 | 111.0 | 95.9 |
| July | 102.3 | 92.7 | 106.8 | 97.1 | 107.8 | 110.3 | 118.1 | 112.4 | 92.6 |
| August | 102.0 | 81.7 | 106.5 | 83.4 | 113.1 | 104.0 | 105.4 | 108.9 | 92.5 |
| September | 116.2 | 106.5 | 123.9 | 102.3 | 124.8 | 99.4 | 92.1 | 107.2 | 96.0 |
| October | 111.4 | 103.0 | 116.3 | 104.1 | 117.9 | 101.2 | 95.2 | 106.2 | 97.1 |
| November | 96.8 | 84.5 | 98.6 | 90.5 | 103.7 | 99.1 | 93.2 | 103.4 | 99.0 |
| December | 82.2 | 64.7 | 83.5 | 85.3 | 86.9 | 110.8 | 108.0 | 115.0 | 107.1 |
| Yearly Average. | 98.6 | 84.7 | 99.3 | 92.2 | 106.3 | 99.3 | 101.4 | 101.2 | 89.7 |

MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA
(Composite of nine kinds of business) - (Average for 1930 = 100)



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MONTHLY WHOLESALE TRADE, JANUARY, 1938

The dollar value of wholesale trade declined 21.6 per cent in January from December and was 2.7 per cent lower than in January a year ago, according to monthly statements of sales received from some 200 wholesale houses comprising 9 different lines of business. The general index on the base, average monthly sales in 1930 equals 100, stands at 68.1 for January, 1938, compared with 66.9 for December and 70.0 for January, 1937. The decline from December is slightly more than seasonal while the decrease compared with January last year is in contrast to the increases which have characterized the corresponding-month comparisons since the commencement of these monthly wholesale trade statistics three years ago. Wholesale trade for January, 1937, was 13.7 per cent above January, 1936, which in turn was up by 4.6 per cent compared with the same month in 1935.

Excepting only in the Maritime Provinces, where a 2.4 per cent increase was recorded, the recession in January this year compared with last extended to all regions of the country. Ontario reported a decrease of 2.1 per cent below January a year ago. Quebec sales were down 2.6 per cent; the Prairie Provinces, 3.6 per cent, and British Columbia, 4.6 per cent.

Four of the nine lines of business for which data are available reported increased sales while five groups were down from January a year ago. Percentage gains for groups showing improvement are 4.8 per cent for automotive equipment, 3.0 per cent for rugs, 3.4 per cent for tobacco and confectionery, and 1.4 per cent for fruits and vegetables.

Wholesale hardware sales averaged 1.0 per cent lower than in January last year, all provinces excepting Quebec reporting decreases. Quebec sales were up by 6.2 per cent. Wholesale grocery sales were up 4.9 per cent in the Maritime Provinces, but declines ranging from 3.5 per cent in the Prairie Provinces to 10.1 per cent in Quebec were registered for all other regions, resulting in a net decrease of 4.9 per cent for the grocery trade as a whole. All branches of the apparel trade were also down from January last year. The dry goods trade was down by 4.1 per cent; the clothing trade, 1.9 per cent, and the footwear trade, 24.7 per cent.

Inventories at the end of January averaged 2.1 per cent higher than on the corresponding date a year ago according to data from firms able to supply monthly stock figures. Inventories in the grocery trade were reported 3.6 per cent lower and in the hardware trade, 3.9 per cent higher than at the end of January, 1937.

Year and month

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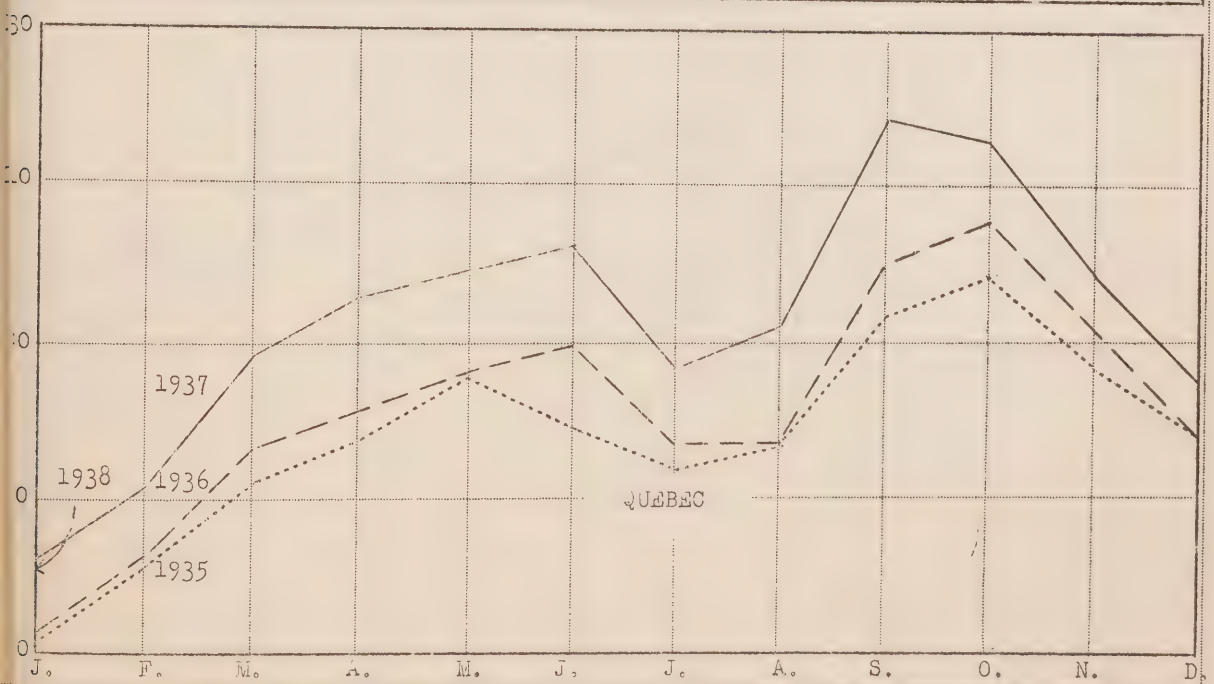
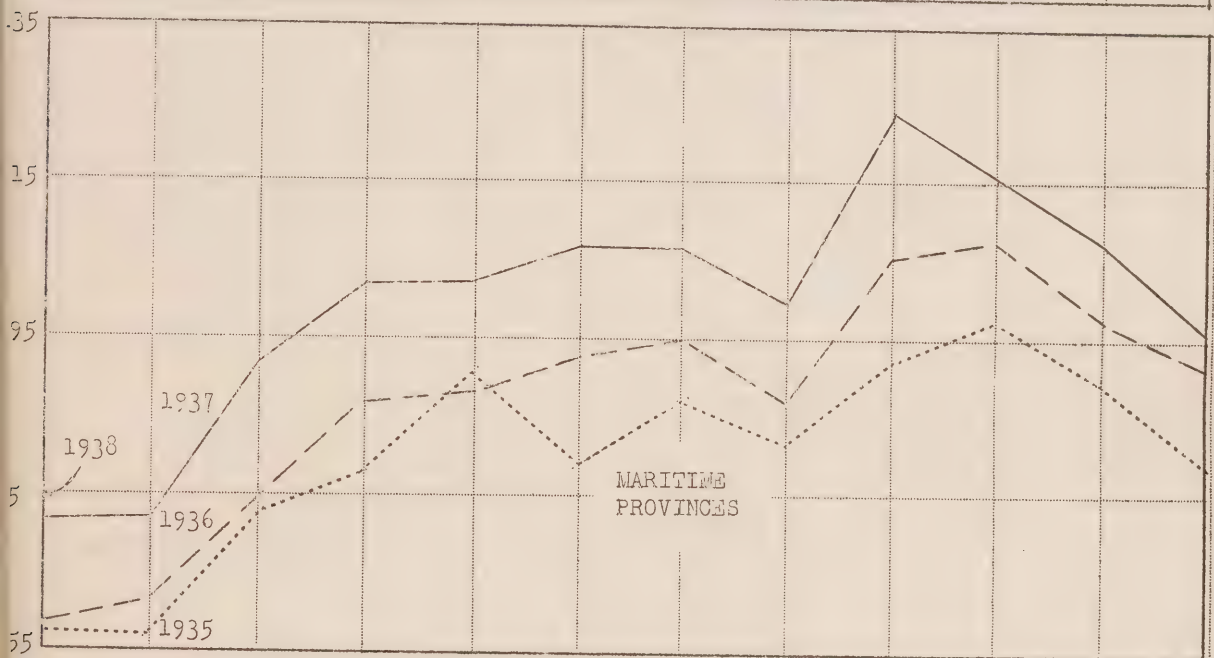
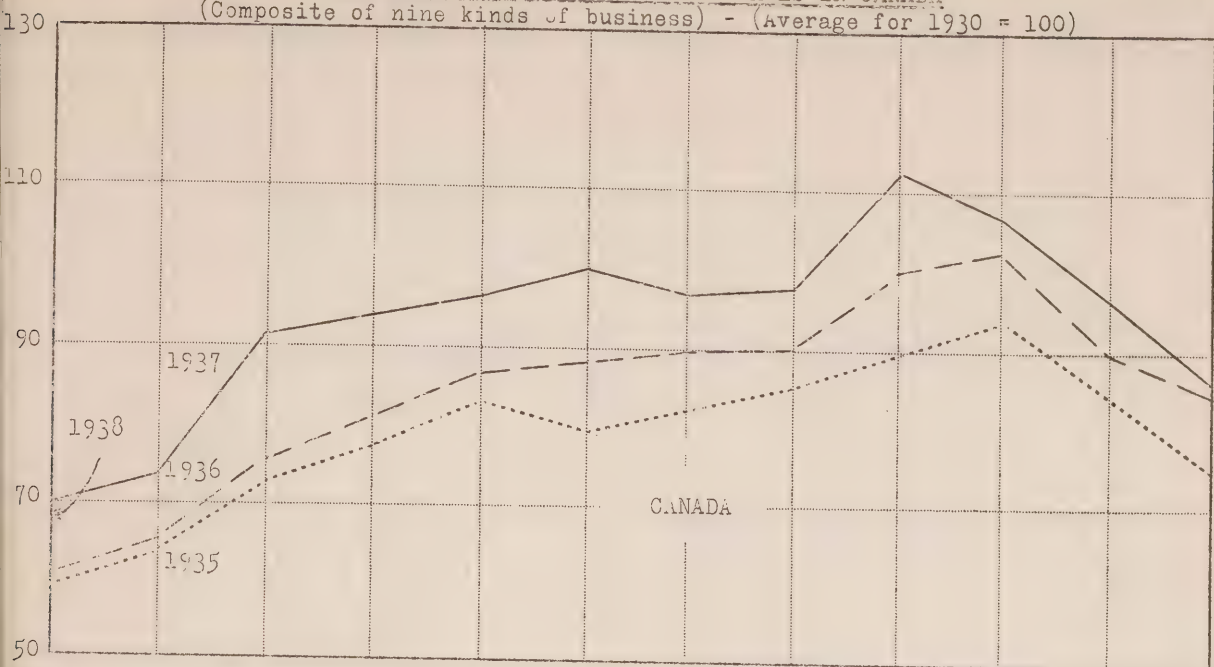
| | Canada | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | Canada | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
|-----------------|--------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|------------------|--------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| January, 1935 | 74.0 | 67.9 | 52.3 | 85.7 | 84.3 | 65.0 | 53.3 | 57.9 | 63.7 | 39.4 |
| January, 1936 | 77.8 | 72.9 | 53.4 | 82.4 | 92.2 | 77.6 | 54.8 | 54.9 | 65.0 | 42.8 |
| January, 1937 | 86.5 | 89.0 | 63.0 | 88.7 | 96.6 | 94.7 | 65.0 | 61.1 | 60.3 | 50.7 |
| January, 1938 | 82.3 | 93.4 | 56.6 | 83.7 | 93.2 | 87.3 | 65.9 | 70.3 | 77.9 | 50.0 |
| 1937 - February | 83.9 | 85.5 | 63.5 | 83.2 | 94.0 | 93.3 | 60.6 | 72.0 | 80.6 | 53.4 |
| March | 99.8 | 99.3 | 75.4 | 95.1 | 119.8 | 107.0 | 89.7 | 103.8 | 100.4 | 70.4 |
| April | 96.7 | 106.4 | 61.3 | 94.3 | 106.6 | 101.6 | 98.0 | 100.4 | 107.3 | 79.4 |
| May | 100.8 | 109.9 | 86.8 | 99.0 | 110.2 | 105.7 | 108.7 | 123.0 | 124.2 | 84.1 |
| June | 109.6 | 119.6 | 94.7 | 110.2 | 115.9 | 115.7 | 116.3 | 140.8 | 131.5 | 91.6 |
| July | 119.1 | 126.5 | 90.9 | 116.5 | 136.8 | 128.5 | 102.0 | 97.6 | 111.8 | 97.6 |
| August | 111.4 | 115.3 | 94.7 | 106.7 | 130.7 | 117.8 | 90.2 | 81.9 | 94.0 | 93.5 |
| September | 123.3 | 129.7 | 86.9 | 115.7 | 146.2 | 117.1 | 102.3 | 126.8 | 90.3 | 102.8 |
| October | 117.5 | 126.9 | 119.2 | 111.6 | 125.9 | 114.4 | 88.9 | 88.5 | 91.0 | 89.4 |
| November | 111.8 | 124.3 | 113.2 | 103.2 | 119.0 | 114.2 | 79.9 | 74.8 | 85.0 | 78.4 |
| December | 99.7 | 114.7 | 86.1 | 100.7 | 107.8 | 98.6 | 87.1 | 88.6 | 97.8 | 76.7 |
| 1938 - January | 82.3 | 93.4 | 56.6 | 83.7 | 93.2 | 87.3 | 65.9 | 70.3 | 77.9 | 50.0 |

HARDWARE

TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY

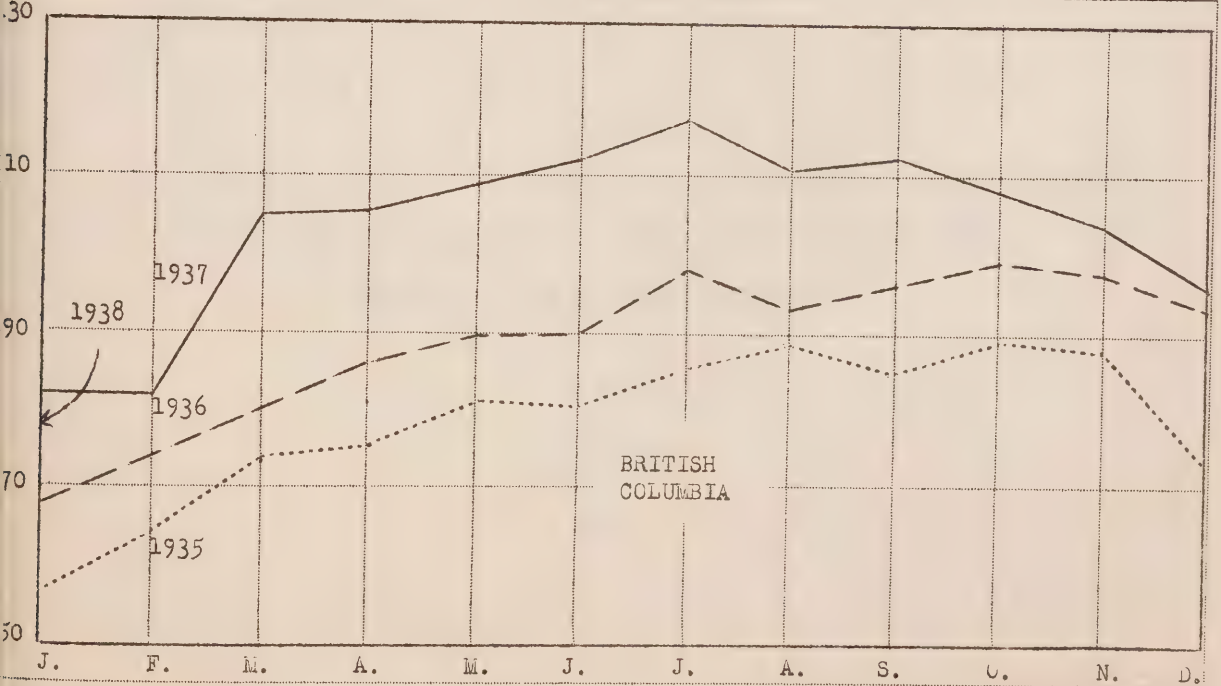
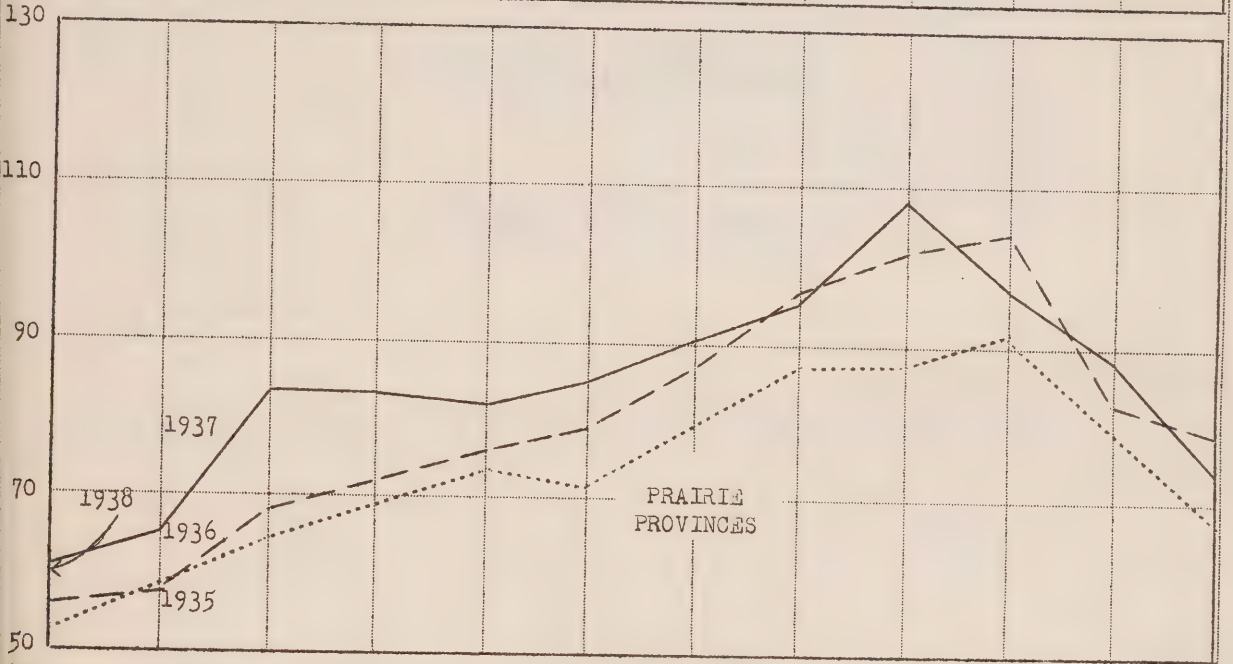
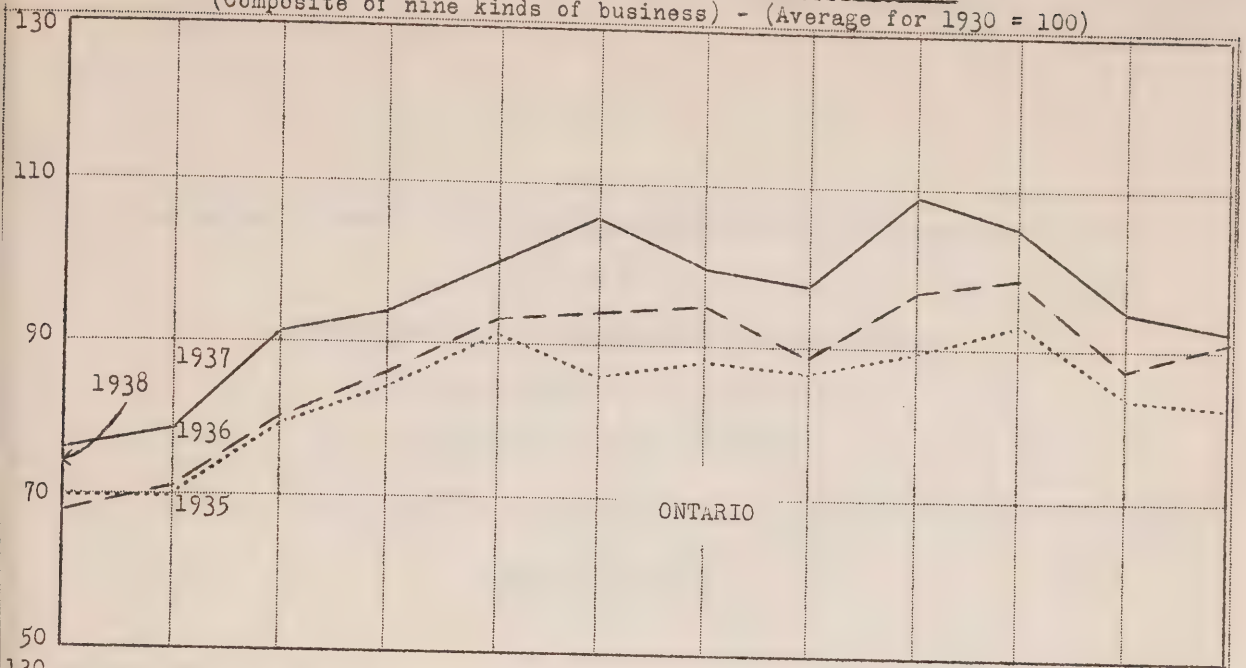
| | Canada | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces | Canada | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
|-----------------|--------|-----------|--------|---------|-------------------|--------|--------|---------|-------------------|
| January, 1935 | 45.6 | 44.4 | 42.7 | 49.5 | 47.4 | 66.7 | 64.6 | 70.2 | 63.7 |
| January, 1936 | 48.8 | 38.7 | 49.5 | 50.1 | 51.3 | 68.9 | 65.7 | 73.4 | 66.2 |
| January, 1937 | 61.7 | 51.5 | 63.2 | 63.2 | 64.2 | 79.4 | 85.5 | 77.7 | 69.6 |
| January, 1938 | 61.1 | 47.8 | 67.1 | 61.8 | 63.0 | 82.1 | 86.4 | 82.2 | 72.7 |
| 1937 - February | 68.8 | 48.4 | 64.1 | 68.0 | 75.4 | 78.5 | 80.7 | 78.8 | 72.8 |
| March | 103.5 | 87.8 | 92.2 | 90.2 | 117.4 | 92.6 | 95.2 | 91.8 | 86.2 |
| April | 118.5 | 104.3 | 111.7 | 107.5 | 132.3 | 102.3 | 113.5 | 98.0 | 87.6 |
| May | 113.0 | 97.4 | 124.0 | 101.1 | 119.5 | 105.2 | 114.3 | 105.1 | 90.6 |
| June | 113.6 | 98.1 | 114.4 | 114.4 | 119.7 | 111.7 | 123.3 | 111.0 | 95.9 |
| July | 102.3 | 92.7 | 106.8 | 97.1 | 107.8 | 110.3 | 118.1 | 112.4 | 92.6 |
| August | 102.0 | 81.7 | 106.5 | 93.4 | 113.1 | 104.0 | 105.4 | 108.9 | 92.5 |
| September | 116.2 | 106.5 | 123.9 | 102.3 | 124.8 | 99.4 | 92.1 | 107.2 | 96.0 |
| October | 111.4 | 103.0 | 116.3 | 104.1 | 117.9 | 101.2 | 95.2 | 106.2 | 97.1 |
| November | 96.8 | 84.5 | 98.6 | 90.5 | 103.7 | 99.1 | 93.2 | 103.4 | 99.0 |
| December | 82.4 | 64.7 | 83.5 | 85.3 | 87.2 | 110.3 | 108.0 | 115.0 | 106.1 |
| 1938 - January | 61.1 | 47.8 | 67.1 | 61.8 | 63.0 | 82.1 | 86.4 | 82.2 | 72.7 |

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MONTHLY WHOLESALE TRADE, FEBRUARY, 1938

The dollar value of wholesale trade in Canada was up 5 per cent in February over the January total and was maintained at a level less than 3 per cent lower than in February last year, according to monthly statements of sales received from some 200 wholesale firms comprising nine different lines of business. The increase over January is only slightly less than the average seasonal improvement for this period, as recorded in the experience of the last four years, while the 3 per cent decline below February last year is similar in extent to that noted in the corresponding January comparison. The 3 per cent decline in February this year compared with last must be attributed in part to a considerable reduction in the wholesale clothing trades, a reduction occasioned by the earlier date of Easter a year ago and the consequent transaction of a great proportion of the pre-retail Easter business in February last year. The composite index for the nine lines of trade on the base, average monthly sales in 1930 equals 100, stands at 71.7 for February, 68.2 for January and, 73.8 for February a year ago.

Wholesale trade in the Prairie Provinces was down 6 per cent in dollar volume in February this year compared with last, while results for other regions of the country reveal but minor changes. Sales were down by 1 per cent in Quebec and in British Columbia and were 2 per cent lower in Ontario. The Maritime Provinces reported a gain of 2 per cent.

Two of the nine lines of business for which data are available, reported increased sales in February this year over last; sales for another two groups varied by less than 1 per cent from last year, while results for five groups averaged lower. The tobacco and confectionery group was up by 9 per cent and fruits and vegetables gained 2 per cent, the latter gain in dollar volume being registered in spite of a marked decline in wholesale prices for those commodities from February, 1937.

Wholesale hardware sales declined 6 per cent in value below February last year and the drug trade was down by 8 per cent. Declines were general in all divisions of the clothing and apparel trades, results for individual classifications indicating decreases of 12 per cent for dry goods trade, 14 per cent for the clothing trade and 20 per cent for shoes.

Wholesale grocery sales averaged 0.7 per cent lower than in February last year, results for different geographical divisions revealing mixed trends. The Maritime provinces were up 5 per cent and Quebec, 1 per cent. Sales were down by 2 per cent in the Prairie Provinces and by 3 per cent in British Columbia, while in Ontario there was a minor decrease of 0.5 per cent.

Value of stocks on hand averaged less than 1 per cent lower than at the end of February, 1937. Inventory in the grocery trade was down by 7 per cent and in fruits and vegetables it was down by 5 per cent. In the clothing trades, inventories averaged slightly higher at the end of February this year compared with last.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

| | Percentage change, 1938 compared with 1937 | | |
|--------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------|
| | Sales | | Inventory |
| | January 1938 January 1937 ⁽¹⁾ | February 1938 February 1937 ⁽²⁾ | February 1938 February 1937 |
| Automotive Equipment..... | + 3.0 | - 0.1 | - 2.6 |
| Maritimes and Quebec..... | + 0.3 | - 0.8 | |
| Ontario..... | + 8.5 | + 3.9 | |
| Western Provinces..... | + 0.8 | - 2.3 | |
| Rugs..... | + 2.9 | - 8.0 | (x) |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario | + 5.2 | - 8.8 | |
| Western Provinces..... | - 3.3 | - 5.7 | |
| Nothing..... | - 7.8 | -14.3 | + 3.4 |
| Quebec..... | -10.6 | -11.0 | |
| Ontario and Western Provinces | - 6.1 | -16.1 | |
| Footwear..... | -25.5 | -19.7 | (a) |
| Quebec..... | -30.7 | -22.8 | |
| Ontario..... | - 9.5 | - 9.4 | |
| Dry Goods..... | - 4.2 | -11.5 | + 5.3 |
| Maritimes and Quebec..... | - 1.1 | -10.9 | |
| Ontario..... | - 2.6 | -11.7 | |
| Western Provinces..... | -12.1 | -12.6 | |
| Fruits and Vegetables..... | + 2.1 | + 1.8 | - 4.8 |
| Maritimes and Quebec..... | +15.6 | +18.2 | |
| Ontario..... | - 2.0 | + 6.0 | |
| Western Provinces..... | + 0.4 | - 7.0 | |
| Groceries..... | - 5.1 | - 0.7 | - 6.9 |
| Maritimes..... | + 4.9 | + 5.1 | |
| Quebec..... | -11.7 | + 1.1 | |
| Ontario..... | - 5.6 | - 0.5 | |
| Prairies..... | - 3.5 | - 1.7 | |
| British Columbia..... | - 7.3 | - 3.3 | |
| Hardware..... | - 0.6 | - 6.1 | + 1.2 |
| Maritimes..... | - 7.2 | +10.0 | |
| Quebec..... | + 4.7 | + 1.8 | |
| Ontario..... | - 1.0 | -10.3 | |
| Western Provinces..... | - 1.8 | - 8.2 | |
| Tobacco and Confectionery..... | + 3.4 | + 8.6 | + 0.5 |
| Quebec..... | + 1.2 | +14.8 | |
| Ontario..... | + 5.8 | + 7.3 | |
| Western Provinces..... | + 4.5 | + 0.4 | |
| Wholesale Trade -- | | | |
| Maritimes..... | + 2.9 | + 2.1 | |
| Quebec..... | - 2.7 | - 1.4 | |
| Ontario..... | - 2.2 | - 1.9 | |
| Prairies..... | - 3.3 | - 5.3 | |
| British Columbia..... | - 4.2 | - 1.4 | |
| CANADA..... | - 2.6 | - 2.8 | - 0.4 |

- 1) Revised.
2) Preliminary.
x) Unchanged.
a) Not available.

Year and Month

WHOLESALE TRADE

AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT

| Year and Month | WHOLESALE TRADE | | | | | AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|----------------------|--------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | Canada | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | Canada | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| February, 1935..... | 63.2 | 57.4 | 61.1 | 69.2 | 58.0 | 63.4 | 51.7 | 42.8 | 59.1 | 51.0 |
| February, 1936..... | 65.5 | 62.0 | 62.7 | 70.4 | 58.1 | 74.4 | 50.0 | 42.2 | 58.6 | 48.0 |
| February, 1937..... | 73.8 | 72.7 | 71.5 | 78.4 | 65.9 | 81.8 | 61.1 | 53.3 | 68.2 | 59.3 |
| February, 1938..... | 71.7 | 74.2 | 70.5 | 76.9 | 61.7 | 80.7 | 61.0 | 52.9 | 70.9 | 57.9 |
| 1937 - March | 91.4 | 93.0 | 89.7 | 91.5 | 84.3 | 104.8 | 76.1 | 65.2 | 86.2 | 75.4 |
| April | 94.4 | 102.5 | 96.3 | 93.9 | 84.6 | 105.5 | 98.8 | 79.5 | 98.0 | 109.3 |
| May..... | 96.5 | 103.0 | 100.3 | 99.3 | 82.3 | 108.9 | 105.1 | 98.3 | 100.8 | 110.3 |
| June..... | 100.4 | 107.6 | 103.0 | 105.5 | 85.1 | 111.5 | 96.4 | 78.4 | 110.1 | 96.1 |
| July..... | 97.4 | 107.3 | 87.5 | 99.5 | 91.0 | 116.8 | 89.9 | 80.6 | 109.3 | 83.3 |
| August..... | 98.2 | 100.8 | 92.3 | 96.8 | 95.9 | 110.6 | 107.0 | 99.0 | 109.3 | 112.2 |
| September..... | 113.3 | 123.6 | 118.9 | 109.2 | 103.5 | 112.4 | 145.1 | 116.7 | 152.2 | 150.1 |
| October..... | 107.4 | 116.7 | 116. | 105.6 | 97.5 | 108.5 | 134.4 | 101.6 | 160.4 | 137.1 |
| November..... | 96.6 | 103.0 | 98.9 | 94.9 | 89.6 | 104.2 | 104.9 | 88.0 | 114.9 | 107.7 |
| December..... | 86.9 | 97.3 | 85.7 | 92.3 | 74.2 | 96.2 | 85.2 | 92.7 | 101.5 | 80.9 |
| 1938 - January | 68.2 | 74.6 | 60.8 | 74.8 | 60.1 | 78.3 | 64.4 | 53.1 | 74.2 | 63.1 |
| February..... | 71.7 | 74.2 | 70.5 | 76.9 | 61.7 | 80.7 | 61.0 | 52.9 | 70.9 | 57.9 |

DRUGS

CLOTHING FOOTWEAR

DRY GOODS

| Year and Month | DRUGS | | | | | CLOTHING FOOTWEAR | | | | DRY GOODS | | | |
|---------------------|--------|-----------|-------------|-------------------|-------|-------------------|--------------------|--------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | Canada | Maritimes | Que. & Ont. | Western Provinces | | Canada | Maritimes & Quebec | Canada | Maritimes & Quebec | Canada | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| February, 1935..... | 85.4 | 87.5 | 87.5 | 79.6 | 58.5 | 53.0 | 59.7 | 51.3 | 51.3 | 71.8 | 51.3 | 71.8 | 60.8 |
| February, 1936..... | 88.7 | 91.7 | 91.7 | 80.9 | 59.3 | 55.4 | 59.4 | 52.0 | 52.0 | 69.3 | 52.0 | 69.3 | 61.5 |
| February, 1937..... | 103.2 | 106.9 | 106.9 | 93.8 | 67.7 | 76.6 | 70.7 | 63.1 | 63.1 | 83.6 | 63.1 | 83.6 | 69.4 |
| February, 1938..... | 94.9 | 97.5 | 97.5 | 88.5 | 58.0 | 61.5 | 62.6 | 56.2 | 56.2 | 73.8 | 56.2 | 73.8 | 60.7 |
| 1937 - March..... | 104.8 | 108.9 | 108.9 | 94.1 | 98.6 | 103.8 | 85.1 | 82.1 | 82.1 | 89.6 | 82.1 | 89.6 | 86.0 |
| April..... | 104.5 | 107.2 | 107.2 | 96.7 | 90.9 | 117.2 | 84.4 | 87.3 | 87.3 | 83.3 | 87.3 | 83.3 | 80.6 |
| May..... | 98.3 | 101.8 | 101.8 | 88.5 | 89.8 | 111.8 | 84.0 | 85.3 | 85.3 | 87.6 | 85.3 | 87.6 | 76.1 |
| June..... | 102.6 | 105.9 | 105.9 | 93.0 | 81.3 | 98.7 | 79.3 | 82.6 | 82.6 | 85.8 | 82.6 | 85.8 | 65.2 |
| July..... | 101.8 | 106.5 | 106.5 | 88.8 | 63.1 | 61.1 | 59.6 | 53.1 | 53.1 | 61.6 | 53.1 | 61.6 | 70.6 |
| August..... | 104.8 | 109.1 | 109.1 | 93.4 | 113.0 | 117.2 | 88.2 | 76.5 | 76.5 | 88.9 | 76.5 | 88.9 | 110.9 |
| September..... | 122.2 | 130.2 | 130.2 | 100.8 | 147.1 | 160.2 | 118.8 | 115.9 | 115.9 | 117.2 | 115.9 | 117.2 | 127.5 |
| October..... | 116.9 | 123.1 | 123.1 | 100.3 | 142.8 | 159.5 | 112.5 | 111.9 | 111.9 | 107.1 | 111.9 | 107.1 | 121.5 |
| November..... | 111.4 | 116.3 | 116.3 | 98.1 | 110.9 | 93.7 | 92.6 | 83.3 | 83.3 | 95.4 | 83.3 | 95.4 | 108.2 |
| December..... | 104.4 | 110.3 | 110.3 | 89.1 | 84.0 | 96.8 | 66.8 | 64.5 | 64.5 | 73.5 | 64.5 | 73.5 | 62.6 |
| 1938 - January..... | 99.0 | 103.3 | 103.3 | 87.2 | 39.3 | 38.3 | 49.2 | 40.5 | 40.5 | 65.0 | 40.5 | 65.0 | 46.2 |
| February..... | 94.9 | 97.5 | 97.5 | 88.5 | 58.0 | 61.5 | 62.6 | 56.2 | 56.2 | 73.8 | 56.2 | 73.8 | 60.7 |

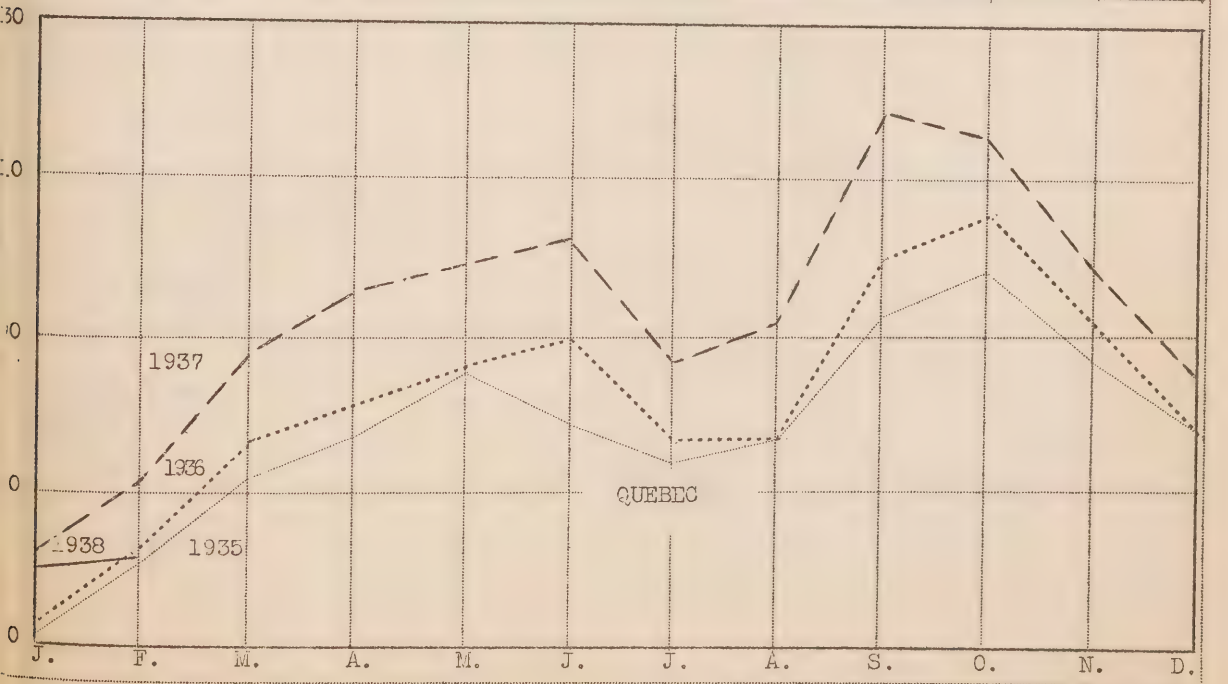
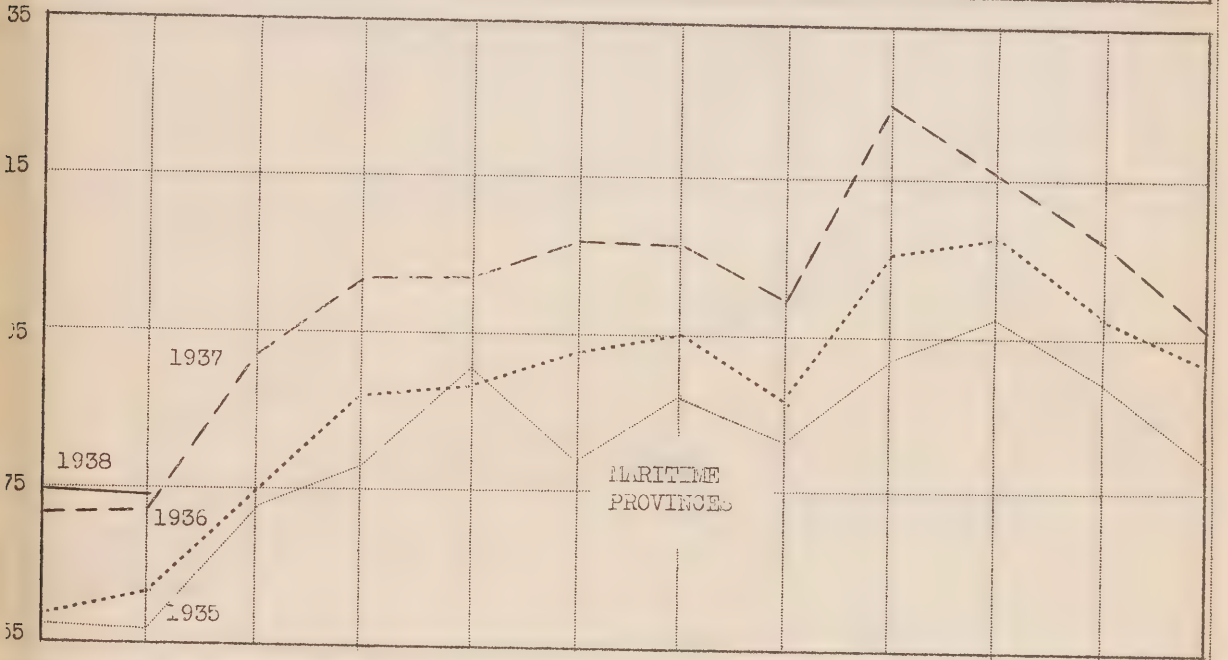
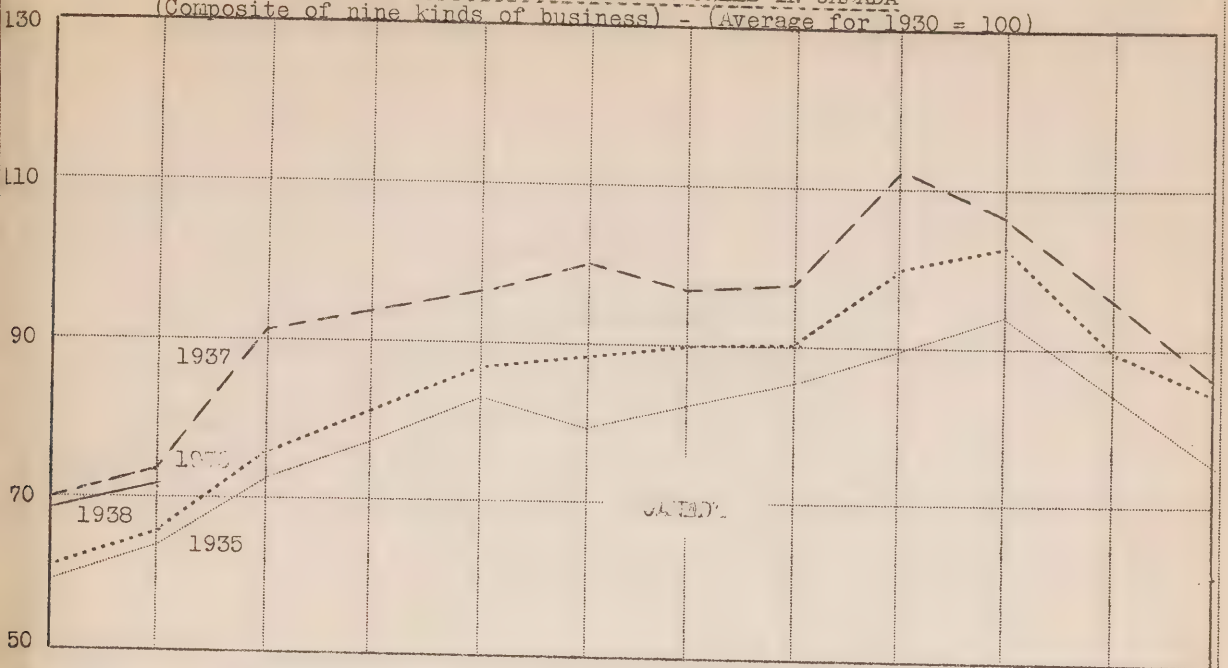
GROCERIES

| Year and Month | GROCERIES | | | | | FRUITS AND VEGETABLES | | | | |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|-----------------------|--------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | Canada | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | Canada | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| February, 1935 | 74.2 | 68.0 | 59.4 | 80.6 | 83.8 | 69.2 | 61.6 | 68.9 | 70.7 | 47.2 |
| February, 1936 | 79.8 | 77.0 | 61.8 | 82.5 | 88.7 | 85.6 | 58.0 | 61.8 | 70.8 | 43.2 |
| February, 1937 | 83.9 | 85.5 | 63.5 | 83.2 | 94.8 | 93.3 | 68.6 | 72.0 | 80.6 | 53.4 |
| February, 1938 | 83.3 | 89.9 | 64.2 | 82.3 | 93.2 | 90.2 | 69.8 | 85.1 | 85.4 | 49.7 |
| 1937 - March | 99.8 | 99.3 | 75.4 | 95.1 | 119.8 | 107.0 | 89.7 | 103.8 | 100.4 | 70.4 |
| April | 96.7 | 106.4 | 81.3 | 94.3 | 106.6 | 101.6 | 98.0 | 100.4 | 107.3 | 79.4 |
| May | 100.8 | 109.9 | 86.8 | 99.0 | 110.2 | 105.7 | 108.7 | 123.0 | 124.2 | 84.1 |
| June | 109.6 | 119.6 | 94.7 | 110.2 | 115.9 | 115.7 | 116.3 | 140.8 | 131.5 | 91.6 |
| July | 119.1 | 126.5 | 90.9 | 116.5 | 136.8 | 128.5 | 102.0 | 97.6 | 111.8 | 97.6 |
| August | 111.4 | 115.3 | 86.9 | 106.7 | 130.7 | 117.8 | 90.2 | 81.9 | 94.0 | 93.5 |
| September | 123.3 | 129.7 | 109.2 | 115.7 | 146.2 | 117.1 | 102.3 | 126.8 | 90.3 | 102.8 |
| October | 117.5 | 126.9 | 119.2 | 111.6 | 125.9 | 114.4 | 88.9 | 88.5 | 91.8 | 89.4 |
| November | 111.8 | 124.3 | 113.2 | 103.2 | 119.0 | 114.2 | 79.9 | 74.8 | 85.0 | 78.4 |
| December | 99.7 | 114.7 | 86.1 | 100.7 | 107.8 | 98.6 | 87.1 | 88.6 | 97.8 | 76.7 |
| 1938 - January | 82.1 | 93.4 | 55.6 | 83.7 | 93.2 | 87.8 | 66.4 | 70.6 | 78.7 | 50.9 |
| February | 83.3 | 89.9 | 64.2 | 82.8 | 93.2 | 90.2 | 69.8 | 85.1 | 85.4 | 49.7 |

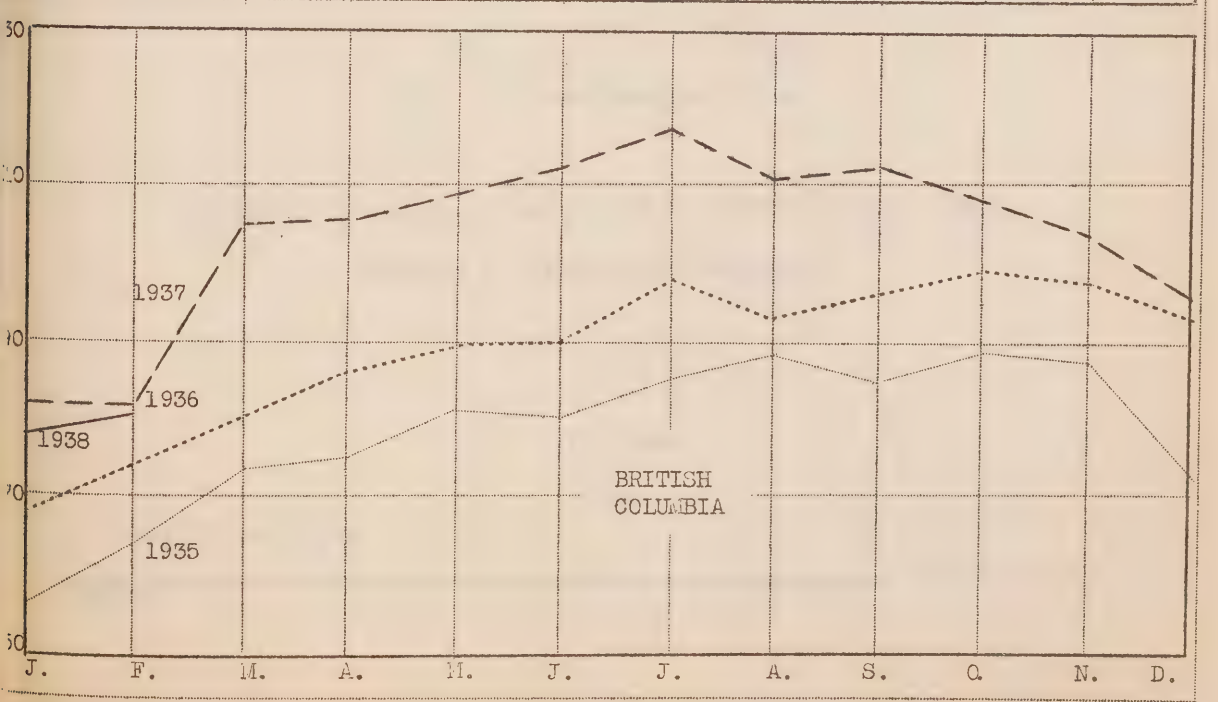
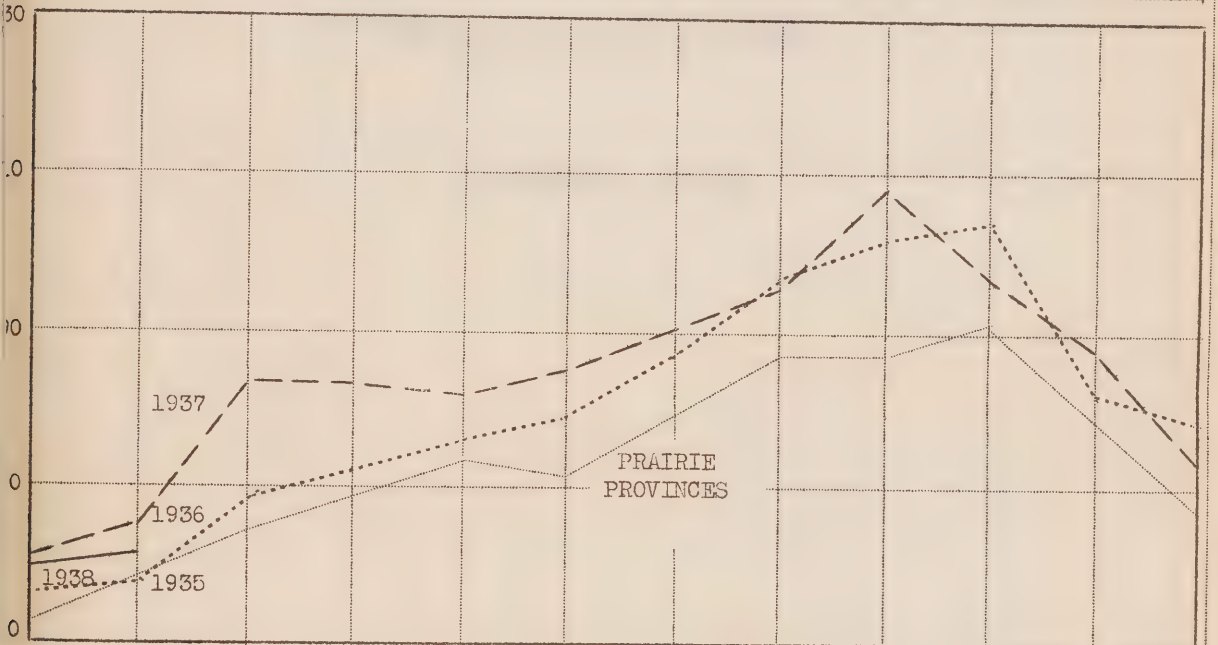
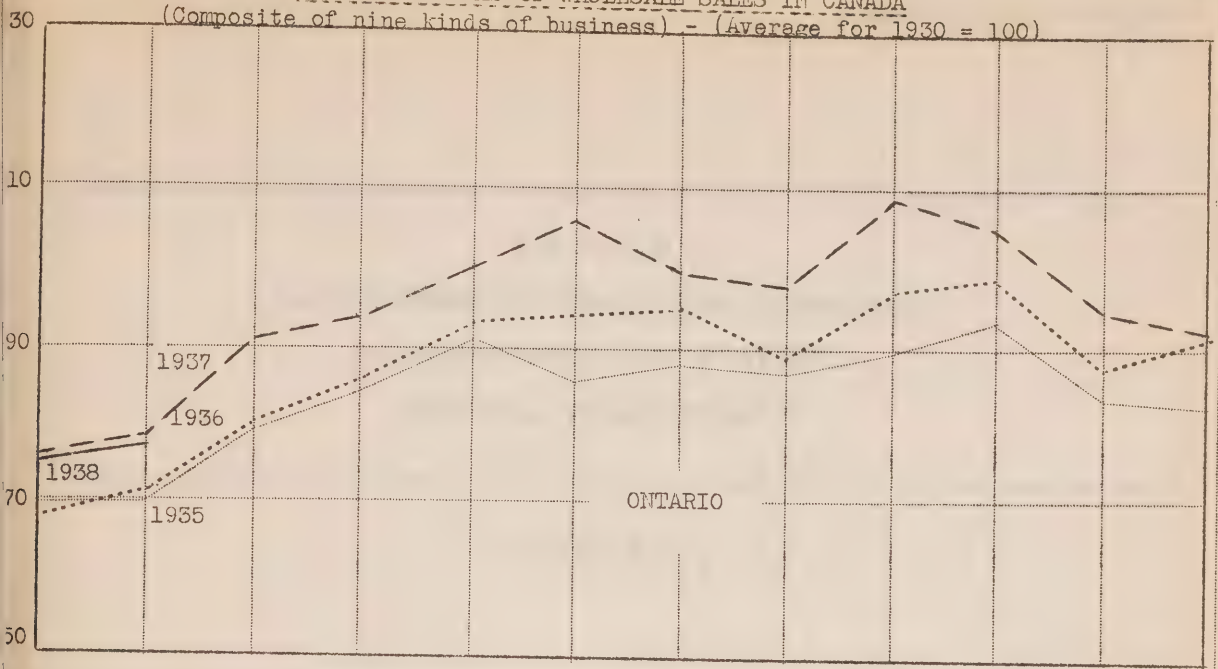
HARDWARE

| Year and Month | HARDWARE | | | | | TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY | | | |
|----------------|----------|-----------|--------|---------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------|---------|-------------------|
| | Canada | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces | Canada | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| February, 1935 | 52.1 | 36.4 | 43.1 | 43.4 | 62.3 | 67.6 | 64.8 | 68.4 | 68.1 |
| February, 1936 | 53.8 | 35.6 | 45.9 | 45.0 | 63.5 | 72.3 | 73.7 | 73.1 | 67.3 |
| February, 1937 | 68.8 | 48.4 | 64.1 | 68.0 | 75.4 | 78.5 | 80.7 | 78.8 | 72.8 |
| February, 1938 | 64.6 | 53.2 | 65.3 | 61.0 | 69.2 | 85.3 | 92.6 | 84.6 | 73.1 |
| 1937 - March | 103.5 | 87.8 | 92.2 | 90.2 | 117.4 | 92.6 | 95.2 | 91.8 | 86.2 |
| April | 118.5 | 104.3 | 111.7 | 107.5 | 132.3 | 102.3 | 113.5 | 98.0 | 87.6 |
| May | 113.0 | 97.4 | 124.0 | 101.1 | 119.5 | 105.2 | 114.3 | 105.1 | 90.6 |
| June | 113.6 | 98.1 | 114.4 | 114.4 | 119.7 | 111.7 | 123.3 | 111.0 | 95.9 |
| July | 102.3 | 92.7 | 106.8 | 97.1 | 107.8 | 110.3 | 118.1 | 112.4 | 92.6 |
| August | 102.0 | 81.7 | 106.5 | 83.4 | 113.1 | 104.0 | 105.4 | 108.9 | 92.5 |
| September | 116.2 | 106.5 | 123.9 | 102.3 | 124.8 | 99.4 | 92.1 | 107.2 | 96.0 |
| October | 111.4 | 103.0 | 116.3 | 104.1 | 117.9 | 101.2 | 95.2 | 106.2 | 97.1 |
| November | 96.8 | 84.5 | 98.6 | 90.5 | 103.7 | 99.1 | 93.2 | 103.4 | 99.0 |
| December | 83.1 | 64.7 | 85.9 | 85.3 | 87.2 | 110.3 | 108.0 | 115.0 | 106.1 |
| 1938 - January | 61.3 | 47.8 | 66.2 | 62.6 | 63.0 | 82.1 | 86.5 | 82.2 | 72.7 |
| February | 64.6 | 53.2 | 65.3 | 61.0 | 69.2 | 85.3 | 92.6 | 84.6 | 73.1 |

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MONTHLY WHOLESALE TRADE, MARCH, 1938.

The dollar value of wholesale trade was 4 per cent lower in March this year than last according to monthly statements of sales received from some 200 wholesale firms comprising 9 different lines of business. The decline from March a year ago is a continuation of earlier decreases of 2.8 per cent in February and 2.5 per cent in January with the result that sales for the first quarter of the current year were 3 per cent below the amount recorded for the corresponding period in 1937. The composite index for the nine lines of business on the base, average monthly sales in 1930 equals 100, stands at 87.8 for March, 71.7 for February and 91.4 for March, 1937.

Wholesale trade was maintained at a higher level in March this year compared with last in the east than in the west. Dollar value of sales in the Maritime Provinces remained unchanged from last year. Sales in Quebec and in Ontario were down by 1 per cent while in the Prairie Provinces and in British Columbia declines amounting to 8 per cent and 7 per cent respectively were recorded.

Three of the nine lines of business included in this survey reported increased sales in March this year compared with last. The tobacco and confectionery group was up 1 per cent; automotive equipment, 3 per cent; and drugs, 1 per cent. Declines were general in the apparel trade, clothing being down by 11 per cent, dry goods, 5 per cent; and footwear, 4 per cent.

The wholesale grocery trade averaged 2.5 per cent lower in March this year than last, increases of 8 per cent in the Maritimes and 5 per cent in Quebec being offset by decreases of 1 per cent in Ontario, 2 per cent in British Columbia and 9 per cent in the Prairie Provinces. Hardware sales averaged 13 per cent below March, 1937, declines averaging from 9 per cent in Ontario to 15 per cent in Quebec being reported.

Inventory value at March 31 was 1 per cent lower than on the corresponding date in 1937. The fruits and vegetables trade reported a decrease of 12 per cent in value of inventory, the hardware trade, 4 per cent; and groceries, 2 per cent; while increases of 4 per cent were shown in the clothing and dry goods groups.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

| | Percentage Change, 1938 Compared with 1937 | | | |
|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| | SALES | | | Inventory March, 1938 March, 1937 |
| | (1) February, 1938 February, 1937 | (2) March, 1938 March, 1937 | First Quar- ter 1938 First Quar- ter 1937 | |
| | | | | |
| Automotive Equipment | - 0.9 | + 3.2 | + 1.9 | - 1.7 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 0.8 | + 2.2 | + 0.7 | |
| Ontario | + 3.9 | + 6.9 | + 6.5 | |
| Western Provinces | - 3.9 | + 1.5 | - 0.4 | |
| Rugs | - 8.3 | + 0.8 | - 1.6 | + 0.6 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario. | - 9.2 | - 1.2 | - 1.9 | |
| Western Provinces | - 5.9 | + 6.9 | - 0.7 | |
| Clothing | -10.6 | -10.9 | - 8.9 | + 3.9 |
| Quebec | - 4.7 | -11.5 | - 6.3 | |
| Ontario and Western Provinces | -16.1 | -10.3 | - 9.4 | |
| Footwear | -19.8 | - 4.2 | -14.1 | + 5.5 |
| Quebec | -22.8 | - 4.0 | -16.7 | |
| Ontario | -14.1 | - 4.8 | -12.2 | |
| Dry Goods | -11.5 | - 4.9 | - 7.0 | + 3.6 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | -10.9 | - 5.4 | - 6.3 | |
| Ontario | -11.6 | - 3.3 | - 6.0 | |
| Western Provinces | -12.6 | - 6.1 | - 9.8 | |
| Fruits and Vegetables | + 2.2 | - 3.7 | - 0.2 | -11.9 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | +19.7 | - 4.4 | + 8.1 | |
| Ontario | + 6.0 | + 0.2 | + 1.3 | |
| Western Provinces | - 7.4 | - 6.7 | - 4.9 | |
| Groceries | - 0.7 | - 2.5 | - 2.8 | - 2.3 |
| Maritimes | + 5.2 | + 8.2 | + 6.2 | |
| Quebec | + 1.1 | + 5.4 | + 1.3 | |
| Ontario | - 0.5 | - 1.3 | - 2.4 | |
| Prairies | - 1.7 | - 9.2 | - 5.1 | |
| British Columbia | - 3.3 | - 1.8 | - 4.0 | |
| Hardware | - 6.3 | -13.0 | - 7.8 | - 3.8 |
| Maritimes | + 5.8 | -10.3 | - 5.3 | |
| Quebec | + 1.8 | -14.9 | - 4.3 | |
| Ontario | -10.9 | - 8.9 | - 7.2 | |
| Western Provinces | - 8.2 | -13.9 | - 9.2 | |
| Tobacco and Confectionery | + 8.6 | + 7.5 | + 6.6 | + 3.6 |
| Quebec | +14.8 | +12.0 | + 9.3 | |
| Ontario | + 7.0 | + 7.5 | + 6.9 | |
| Western Provinces | + 1.7 | - 1.9 | + 1.2 | |
| Wholesale Trade -- | | | | |
| Maritimes | + 1.8 | (x) | + 1.4 | |
| Quebec | - 1.2 | - 0.9 | - 1.5 | |
| Ontario | - 2.3 | - 1.4 | - 1.9 | |
| Prairies | - 6.2 | - 7.8 | - 6.0 | |
| British Columbia | - 1.5 | - 6.8 | - 4.4 | |
| CANADA | - 2.8 | - 3.9 | - 3.1 | - 1.1 |

- (1) Revised.
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Dear Mr. Koppel:

I have received your letter of January 8, 1964, regarding the matter of the University of Chicago's policy on the use of its facilities for the production of nuclear weapons. I am sorry that I cannot give you a more definitive answer at this time, but I must first consult with the appropriate authorities.

The University of Chicago has a long and distinguished history of research in the field of nuclear physics. It was here that the first nuclear reactor was built, and it was here that the first atomic bomb was developed. The University has a deep commitment to the advancement of knowledge in this field, and it is proud to have been a part of this history.

At the same time, the University is also committed to the peaceful use of nuclear energy. It has a strong policy of opposing the production of nuclear weapons, and it has taken steps to ensure that its facilities are not used for this purpose. This policy is based on the University's belief that nuclear weapons are a threat to the security of the world, and that their production is a violation of the principles of international law.

I am sure that you understand the University's position on this issue. I am only sorry that I cannot give you a more definitive answer at this time. I will be sure to consult with the appropriate authorities and get back to you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
J. J. KOPPEL

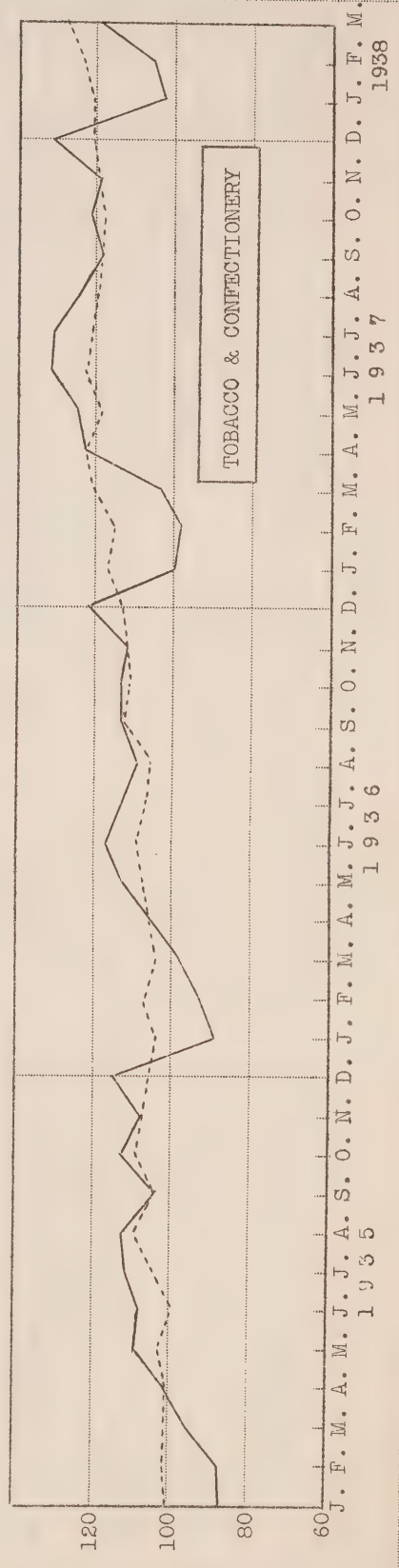
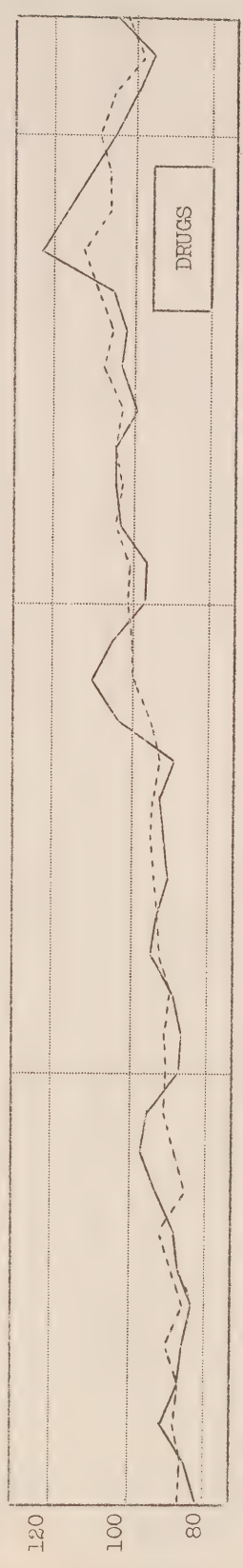
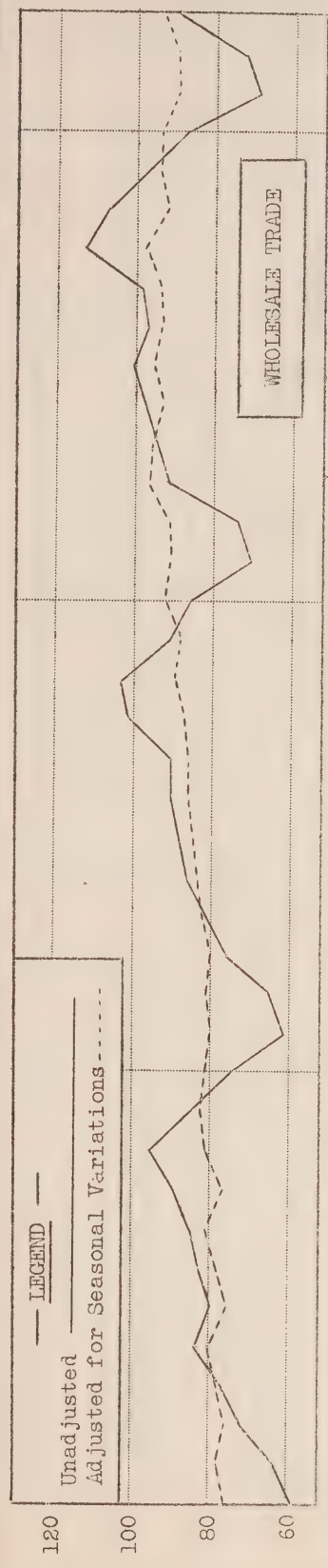
| Year and Month | WHOLESALE TRADE | | | | | AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|----------------------|--------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | Canada | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | Canada | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| March, 1935 | 72.6 | 72.5 | 72.3 | 78.8 | 64.5 | 72.8 | 60.8 | 51.6 | 76.2 | 54.5 |
| March, 1936 | 76.2 | 74.5 | 77.0 | 80.0 | 68.6 | 79.7 | 55.6 | 65.6 | 75.3 | 59.4 |
| March, 1937 | 91.4 | 93.0 | 89.7 | 91.5 | 84.3 | 104.8 | 76.1 | 65.2 | 86.2 | 75.4 |
| March, 1938 | 87.8 | 93.0 | 88.9 | 90.2 | 77.7 | 97.7 | 78.5 | 66.6 | 92.1 | 76.5 |
| 1937 - April | 94.4 | 102.5 | 96.3 | 93.9 | 84.6 | 105.5 | 98.8 | 79.5 | 98.0 | 109.3 |
| May | 96.5 | 103.0 | 100.3 | 99.3 | 82.3 | 108.9 | 105.1 | 98.3 | 100.8 | 110.3 |
| June | 100.4 | 107.6 | 103.0 | 105.5 | 85.1 | 111.5 | 96.4 | 78.4 | 110.1 | 96.1 |
| July | 97.4 | 107.3 | 87.5 | 99.5 | 91.0 | 116.8 | 89.9 | 80.6 | 109.3 | 83.3 |
| August | 98.2 | 100.8 | 92.3 | 96.8 | 95.9 | 110.6 | 107.0 | 98.0 | 109.3 | 112.2 |
| September ... | 113.3 | 123.6 | 118.9 | 109.2 | 108.5 | 112.4 | 143.1 | 116.7 | 158.2 | 150.1 |
| October | 107.4 | 116.7 | 116.4 | 105.6 | 97.5 | 108.5 | 134.4 | 101.6 | 160.4 | 137.1 |
| November | 96.6 | 108.0 | 98.9 | 94.9 | 88.6 | 104.2 | 104.9 | 88.0 | 114.9 | 107.7 |
| December | 86.9 | 97.3 | 85.7 | 92.3 | 74.2 | 96.2 | 85.2 | 92.7 | 101.5 | 80.9 |
| 1938 - January | 68.3 | 74.6 | 60.9 | 74.9 | 60.1 | 78.3 | 64.4 | 53.1 | 74.2 | 63.1 |
| February | 71.7 | 74.0 | 70.6 | 76.6 | 61.8 | 80.6 | 60.6 | 52.9 | 70.9 | 57.0 |
| March | 87.8 | 93.0 | 83.9 | 90.2 | 77.7 | 97.7 | 78.5 | 66.6 | 92.1 | 76.5 |

| Year and Month | DRUGS | | | CLOTHING | | FOOTWEAR | DRY GOODS | | |
|----------------------|--------|-----------|-------------|-------------------|--------|----------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | Canada | Maritimes | Que. & Ont. | Western Provinces | Canada | Canada | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| March, 1935 | 90.7 | 93.0 | 93.0 | 84.4 | 75.4 | 94.3 | 70.2 | 84.7 | 65.9 |
| March, 1936 | 94.7 | 96.5 | 96.5 | 89.5 | 79.2 | 103.6 | 78.6 | 81.4 | 72.6 |
| March, 1937 | 104.8 | 103.9 | 103.9 | 94.1 | 98.6 | 103.8 | 82.1 | 89.6 | 86.0 |
| March, 1938 | 105.6 | 107.6 | 107.6 | 100.6 | 87.9 | 99.4 | 77.7 | 86.6 | 80.8 |
| 1937 - April | 104.5 | 107.2 | 107.2 | 96.7 | 90.9 | 117.2 | 87.3 | 83.3 | 80.6 |
| May | 98.3 | 101.8 | 101.8 | 88.5 | 89.8 | 111.8 | 85.3 | 87.6 | 76.1 |
| June | 102.6 | 105.9 | 105.9 | 93.0 | 81.3 | 98.7 | 82.6 | 85.8 | 65.2 |
| July | 101.8 | 106.5 | 106.5 | 88.8 | 63.1 | 61.1 | 53.1 | 61.6 | 70.6 |
| August | 104.8 | 109.1 | 109.1 | 93.4 | 113.0 | 117.2 | 76.5 | 88.9 | 110.9 |
| September | 122.2 | 130.2 | 130.2 | 100.8 | 147.1 | 160.2 | 115.9 | 117.2 | 127.5 |
| October | 116.9 | 123.1 | 123.1 | 100.3 | 142.8 | 159.5 | 111.9 | 107.1 | 121.5 |
| November | 111.4 | 116.3 | 116.3 | 98.1 | 110.9 | 93.7 | 83.3 | 95.4 | 108.2 |
| December | 104.4 | 110.3 | 110.3 | 89.1 | 84.0 | 96.8 | 64.5 | 73.5 | 62.6 |
| 1938 - January | 99.0 | 103.3 | 103.3 | 87.2 | 41.9 | 38.3 | 40.5 | 65.0 | 46.7 |
| February | 94.6 | 97.1 | 97.1 | 88.3 | 60.5 | 61.4 | 56.2 | 73.9 | 60.7 |
| March | 105.6 | 107.6 | 107.6 | 100.6 | 87.9 | 99.4 | 77.7 | 86.6 | 80.8 |

| Year and Month | GROCERIES | | | | | | FRUITS AND VEGETABLES | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------|-------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|-----------------------|--------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | Canada | | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | Canada | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March, 1935 | 80.6 | 79.2 | 66.3 | 85.0 | 89.2 | 78.7 | 69.1 | 74.6 | 79.6 | 54.7 | |
| March, 1936 | 83.7 | 80.9 | 63.8 | 86.1 | 97.1 | 83.9 | 73.6 | 82.7 | 85.7 | 56.6 | |
| March, 1937 | 99.8 | 99.3 | 75.4 | 95.1 | 119.8 | 107.0 | 89.7 | 103.8 | 100.4 | 70.4 | |
| March, 1938 | 97.3 | 107.4 | 79.5 | 93.9 | 103.8 | 105.1 | 86.4 | 99.2 | 100.6 | 65.7 | |
| 1937 - April | 96.7 | 106.4 | 81.3 | 94.3 | 106.6 | 101.6 | 98.0 | 100.4 | 107.3 | 79.4 | |
| May | 100.8 | 109.9 | 86.8 | 99.0 | 110.2 | 105.7 | 108.7 | 123.0 | 124.2 | 84.1 | |
| June | 109.6 | 119.6 | 94.7 | 110.2 | 115.9 | 115.7 | 116.3 | 140.8 | 131.5 | 91.6 | |
| July | 119.1 | 126.5 | 90.9 | 116.5 | 136.8 | 128.5 | 102.0 | 97.6 | 111.8 | 97.6 | |
| August | 111.4 | 115.3 | 86.9 | 106.7 | 130.7 | 117.8 | 90.2 | 81.9 | 94.0 | 93.5 | |
| September .. | 123.3 | 129.7 | 109.2 | 115.7 | 146.2 | 117.1 | 102.3 | 126.8 | 90.3 | 102.8 | |
| October | 117.5 | 126.9 | 119.2 | 111.6 | 125.9 | 114.4 | 88.9 | 88.5 | 91.8 | 89.4 | |
| November ... | 111.8 | 124.3 | 113.2 | 103.2 | 119.0 | 114.2 | 79.9 | 74.8 | 85.0 | 78.4 | |
| December ... | 99.7 | 114.7 | 86.1 | 100.7 | 107.8 | 98.6 | 87.1 | 88.6 | 97.8 | 76.7 | |
| 1938 - January | 82.1 | 93.4 | 55.6 | 83.9 | 93.2 | 87.8 | 66.3 | 70.6 | 78.7 | 50.9 | |
| February ... | 83.3 | 89.9 | 64.2 | 82.8 | 93.2 | 90.2 | 70.1 | 86.2 | 85.4 | 49.4 | |
| March | 97.3 | 107.4 | 79.5 | 93.9 | 108.8 | 105.1 | 86.4 | 99.2 | 100.6 | 65.7 | |

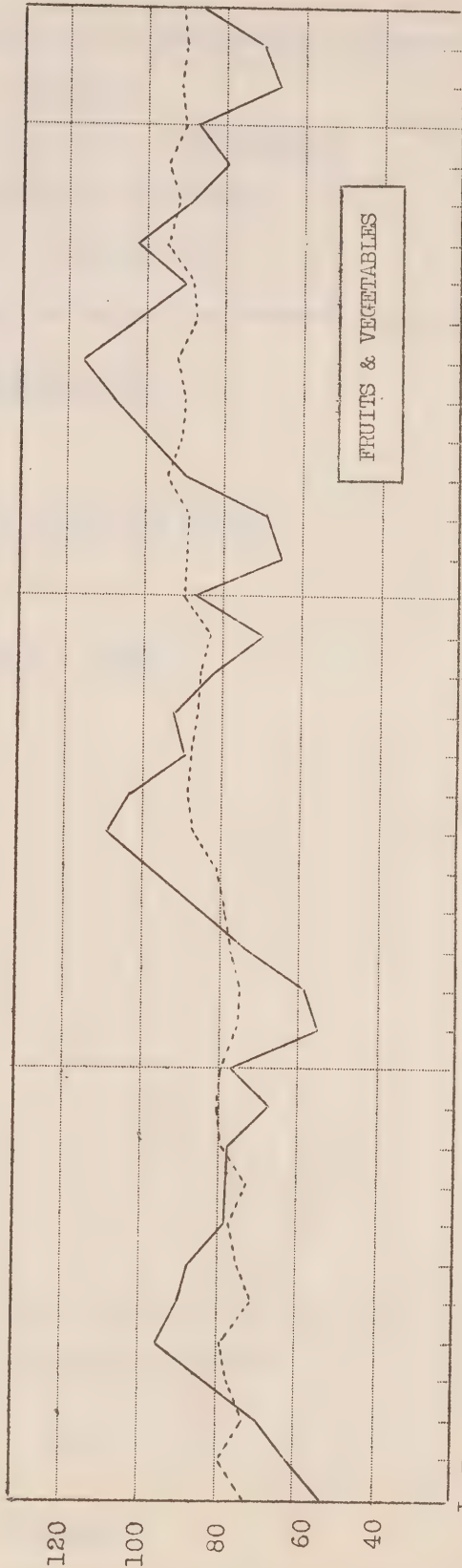
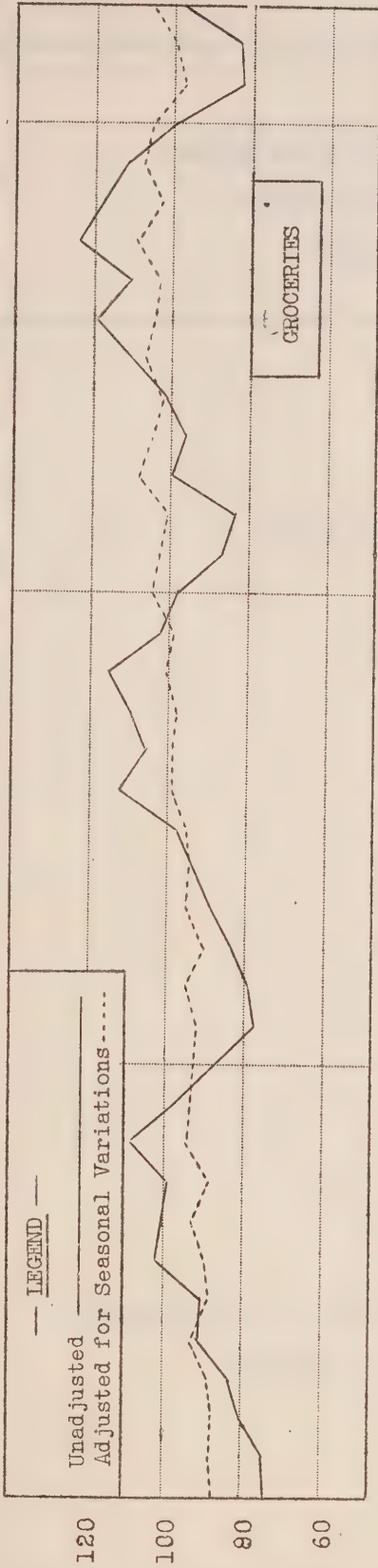
| Year and Month | HARDWARE | | | | | TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------|-------|--------|---------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------|---------|-------------------|--|
| | Maritimes | | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces | Canada | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces | |
| | Canada | | | | | | | | | |
| March, 1935 | 69.6 | 59.1 | 56.9 | 66.6 | 79.2 | 74.9 | 70.9 | 79.2 | 72.6 | |
| March, 1936 | 74.1 | 59.9 | 62.0 | 68.4 | 84.9 | 77.8 | 75.7 | 79.8 | 75.5 | |
| March, 1937 | 103.5 | 87.8 | 92.2 | 90.2 | 117.4 | 92.6 | 95.2 | 91.8 | 86.2 | |
| March, 1938 | 90.0 | 78.8 | 78.5 | 82.2 | 101.1 | 99.5 | 106.6 | 98.7 | 84.6 | |
| 1937 - April | 118.5 | 104.3 | 111.7 | 107.5 | 132.3 | 102.3 | 113.5 | 98.0 | 87.6 | |
| May | 113.0 | 97.4 | 124.0 | 101.1 | 119.5 | 105.2 | 114.3 | 105.1 | 90.6 | |
| June | 113.6 | 98.1 | 114.4 | 114.4 | 119.7 | 111.7 | 123.3 | 111.0 | 95.9 | |
| July | 102.3 | 92.7 | 106.8 | 97.1 | 107.8 | 110.3 | 118.1 | 112.4 | 92.6 | |
| August | 102.0 | 81.7 | 106.5 | 83.4 | 113.1 | 104.0 | 105.4 | 108.9 | 92.5 | |
| September ... | 116.2 | 106.5 | 123.9 | 102.3 | 124.8 | 99.4 | 92.1 | 107.2 | 96.0 | |
| October | 111.4 | 103.0 | 116.3 | 104.1 | 117.9 | 101.2 | 95.2 | 106.2 | 97.1 | |
| November | 96.8 | 84.5 | 98.6 | 90.5 | 103.7 | 99.1 | 93.2 | 103.4 | 99.0 | |
| December | 83.1 | 64.7 | 85.9 | 85.3 | 87.2 | 110.3 | 108.0 | 115.0 | 106.1 | |
| 1938 - January | 61.3 | 47.8 | 66.2 | 62.6 | 63.0 | 82.3 | 86.5 | 82.5 | 72.7 | |
| February | 64.5 | 51.2 | 65.3 | 60.6 | 69.2 | 85.3 | 92.6 | 84.3 | 74.0 | |
| March | 90.0 | 78.8 | 78.5 | 82.2 | 101.1 | 99.5 | 106.6 | 98.7 | 84.6 | |

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MONTHLY WHOLESALE TRADE, APRIL, 1938

Dollar value of wholesale trade in Canada increased 1 per cent in April compared with March but was 6 per cent lower than the amount recorded for April a year ago according to monthly statements of sales received from about 200 wholesale merchants comprising 9 different lines of business. The gain over March this year is somewhat less than the usual seasonal increase, while the 6 per cent decline from April, 1937 is in continuation of earlier losses of 4 per cent for March and 3 per cent for February and for January compared with corresponding months last year. The composite index for the nine lines of business on the base, 1930 equals 100, stands at 89.1 for April, 87.9 for March and 94.4 for April, 1937.

The decline below April, 1937 was greater in both the west and in the east than in central Canada. In comparison with a loss of 1 per cent in Ontario, sales were down by 9 per cent in British Columbia, 8 per cent in the Prairies, 7 per cent in the Maritimes and 6 per cent in Quebec. Declines were generally greatest in those regions which reported the greatest increases between 1936 and 1937.

Automotive equipment, tobacco and confectionery and drugs remained practically unchanged from a year ago while all other groups averaged lower. Wholesale hardware sales were down by 16 per cent, losses ranging from 9 per cent in Quebec to 20 per cent for the western provinces being reported. Wholesale grocery sales were down by 8 per cent in the Maritime Provinces, 10 per cent in Quebec, 2 per cent in the Prairie Provinces and 1 per cent in Ontario and British Columbia, with the result that sales for the group as a whole were 3 per cent lower than in April last year. All branches of the clothing and apparel trade were lower than a year ago. Wholesale clothing firms reported a decline of 6 per cent; dry goods were down by 7 per cent and footwear was down by 11 per cent. Wholesalers in the fruits and vegetables trade reported 3 per cent less business than in April, 1937.

Inventories continue to show a falling off compared with the corresponding periods last year. Value of stocks on hand at the end of April this year averaged 5 per cent lower than on the same date a year ago. The decline amounted to 10 per cent for fruits and vegetables and for hardware and was 9 per cent for groceries. Increases in value of stocks on hand were reported for four groups and these amounted to 12 per cent for clothing, 5 per cent for automotive equipment, 4 per cent for drugs and 2 per cent for tobacco and confectionery.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

| | Percentage Change, 1938 Compared with 1937 | | |
|---------------------------------|--|----------------------------|-----------|
| | S A L E S | | Inventory |
| | (1) | (2) | |
| | March, 1938 March, 1937 | April, 1938 April, 1937 | |
| Automotive Equipment | + 3.2 | + 0.7 | + 4.9 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 2.2 | +11.9 | |
| Ontario | + 6.9 | +12.3 | |
| Western Provinces | + 1.5 | - 8.7 | |
| Drugs | (x) | (x) | + 3.8 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario | - 1.9 | + 0.9 | |
| Western Provinces | + 6.0 | - 2.1 | |
| Clothing | -10.9 | - 6.3 | +11.9 |
| Quebec | -11.5 | -18.4 | |
| Ontario and Western Provinces | -10.4 | + 4.1 | |
| Footwear | - 4.0 | -11.3 | - 2.4 |
| Quebec | - 4.0 | -19.6 | |
| Ontario | - 3.9 | + 5.4 | |
| Dry Goods | - 4.9 | - 7.3 | - 0.6 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 5.4 | - 4.9 | |
| Ontario | - 3.3 | - 6.5 | |
| Western Provinces | - 6.1 | -13.7 | |
| Fruits and Vegetables | - 3.9 | - 3.2 | - 9.8 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 4.4 | + 8.5 | |
| Ontario | + 0.2 | + 1.0 | |
| Western Provinces | - 7.0 | - 9.9 | |
| Groceries | - 2.4 | - 3.3 | - 8.5 |
| Maritimes | + 7.7 | - 8.0 | |
| Quebec | + 5.1 | -10.0 | |
| Ontario | - 1.3 | - 1.2 | |
| Prairies | - 8.8 | - 1.8 | |
| British Columbia | - 1.9 | - 1.4 | |
| Hardware | -12.3 | -15.6 | - 9.7 |
| Maritimes | -10.3 | -10.7 | |
| Quebec | -10.7 | - 9.3 | |
| Ontario | - 8.9 | -11.2 | |
| Western Provinces | -13.9 | -19.6 | |
| Tobacco and Confectionery | + 7.0 | + 1.0 | + 2.1 |
| Quebec | +12.0 | + 0.2 | |
| Ontario | + 7.5 | + 4.1 | |
| Western Provinces | - 0.6 | - 1.4 | |
| Wholesale Trade -- | | | |
| Maritimes | + 0.1 | - 7.3 | |
| Quebec | - 1.1 | - 6.0 | |
| Ontario | - 1.4 | - 1.0 | |
| Prairies | - 7.6 | - 7.5 | |
| British Columbia | - 6.4 | - 9.2 | |
| CANADA | - 3.8 | - 5.6 | - 5.4 |

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(2) Preliminary
(x) Unchanged

| Year and Month | WHOLESALE TRADE | | | | | | AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | Canada | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | Canada | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| April, 1935 | 76.8 | 78.4 | 76.9 | 83.4 | 68.6 | 74.6 | 78.9 | 71.6 | 91.4 | 74.5 |
| April, 1936 | 81.8 | 87.7 | 81.8 | 85.4 | 73.1 | 85.8 | 84.7 | 80.7 | 93.6 | 81.6 |
| April, 1937 | 94.4 | 102.5 | 96.3 | 93.9 | 84.6 | 105.5 | 98.8 | 79.5 | 98.0 | 109.3 |
| April, 1938 | 89.1 | 95.0 | 90.5 | 93.0 | 78.3 | 95.8 | 99.5 | 89.0 | 110.1 | 99.8 |
| 1937 - May | 96.5 | 103.0 | 100.3 | 99.3 | 82.3 | 108.9 | 105.1 | 98.3 | 100.8 | 110.3 |
| June | 100.4 | 107.6 | 103.0 | 105.5 | 85.1 | 111.5 | 96.4 | 78.4 | 110.1 | 96.1 |
| July | 97.4 | 107.3 | 87.5 | 99.5 | 91.0 | 116.8 | 89.9 | 80.6 | 109.3 | 83.3 |
| August | 98.2 | 100.8 | 92.3 | 96.8 | 95.9 | 110.6 | 107.0 | 98.0 | 109.3 | 112.2 |
| September .. | 113.3 | 123.6 | 118.9 | 109.2 | 108.5 | 112.4 | 143.1 | 116.7 | 158.2 | 150.1 |
| October | 107.4 | 116.7 | 116.4 | 105.6 | 97.5 | 108.5 | 134.4 | 101.6 | 160.4 | 137.1 |
| November | 96.6 | 108.0 | 98.9 | 94.9 | 88.6 | 104.2 | 104.9 | 88.0 | 114.9 | 107.7 |
| December | 86.9 | 97.3 | 85.7 | 92.3 | 74.2 | 96.2 | 85.2 | 92.7 | 101.5 | 80.9 |
| 1938 - January | 68.3 | 74.6 | 60.9 | 74.9 | 60.1 | 78.3 | 64.4 | 53.1 | 74.2 | 63.1 |
| February | 71.7 | 73.6 | 70.6 | 76.6 | 61.8 | 80.6 | 60.6 | 52.9 | 70.9 | 57.0 |
| March | 87.9 | 93.1 | 88.7 | 90.2 | 77.9 | 98.1 | 78.5 | 66.6 | 92.1 | 76.5 |
| April | 89.1 | 95.0 | 90.5 | 93.0 | 78.3 | 95.8 | 99.5 | 89.0 | 110.1 | 99.8 |

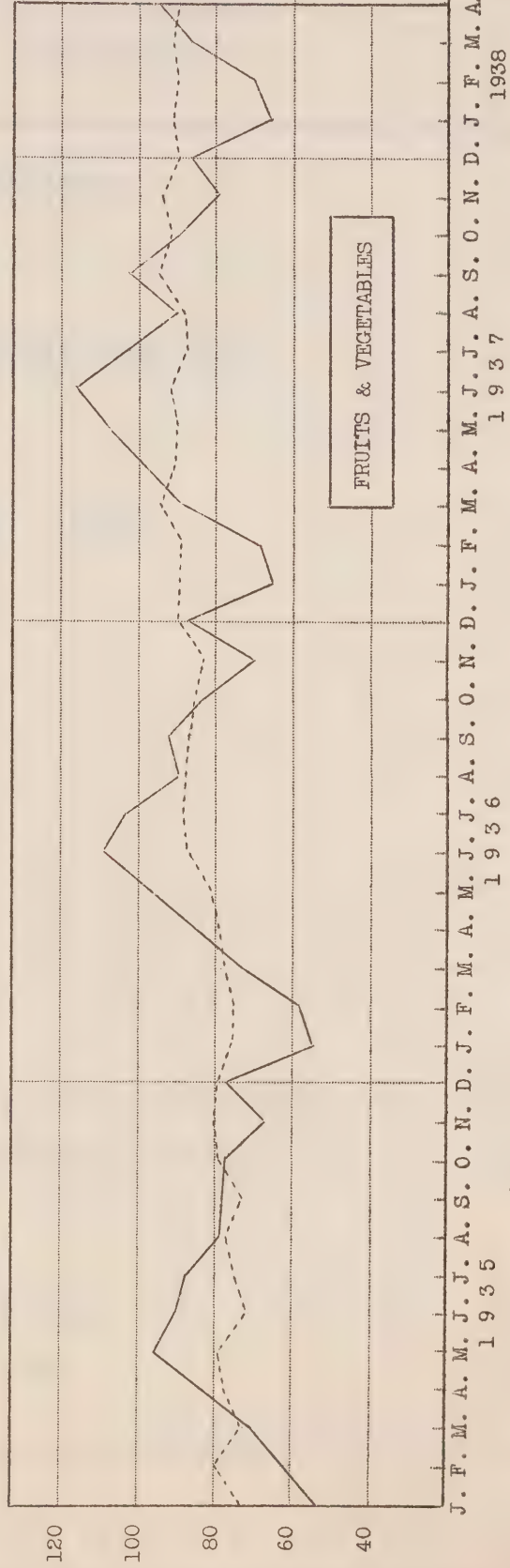
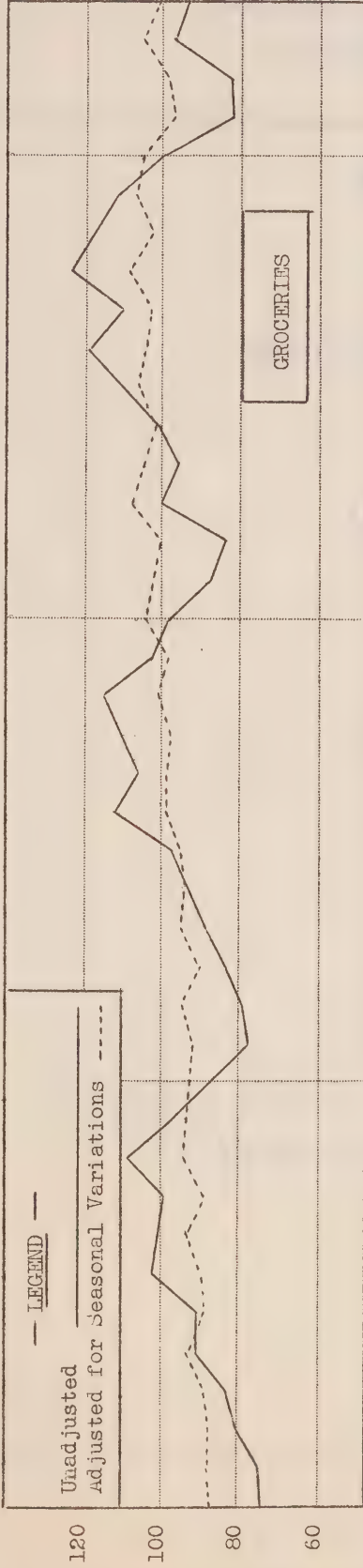
| Year and Month | DRUGS | | | | CLOTHING | | FOOTWEAR | | DRY GOODS | | | |
|----------------------|--------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------|----------|-------|----------|-------|-----------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | Canada | Maritimes Que. & Ont. | Western Provinces | | Canada | | Canada | | Canada | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| April, 1935 | 87.1 | 88.7 | 82.4 | 77.0 | 96.2 | 73.7 | 73.5 | 83.8 | 61.1 | | | |
| April, 1936 | 93.1 | 95.2 | 87.0 | 84.2 | 88.6 | 76.6 | 77.5 | 82.5 | 67.3 | | | |
| April, 1937 | 104.5 | 107.2 | 96.7 | 90.9 | 117.2 | 84.4 | 87.3 | 83.3 | 80.6 | | | |
| April, 1938 | 104.5 | 108.2 | 94.7 | 85.2 | 104.0 | 78.2 | 83.0 | 77.9 | 69.6 | | | |
| 1937 - May | 98.3 | 101.8 | 88.5 | 89.8 | 111.8 | 84.0 | 85.3 | 87.6 | 76.1 | | | |
| June | 102.6 | 105.9 | 93.0 | 81.3 | 98.7 | 79.3 | 82.6 | 85.8 | 65.2 | | | |
| July | 101.8 | 106.5 | 88.8 | 63.1 | 61.1 | 59.6 | 53.1 | 61.6 | 70.6 | | | |
| August | 104.8 | 109.1 | 93.4 | 113.0 | 117.2 | 88.2 | 76.5 | 88.9 | 110.9 | | | |
| September | 122.2 | 130.2 | 100.8 | 147.1 | 160.2 | 118.8 | 115.9 | 117.2 | 127.5 | | | |
| October | 116.9 | 123.1 | 100.3 | 142.8 | 159.5 | 112.5 | 111.9 | 107.1 | 121.5 | | | |
| November | 111.4 | 116.3 | 98.1 | 110.9 | 93.7 | 92.6 | 83.3 | 95.4 | 108.2 | | | |
| December | 104.4 | 110.3 | 89.1 | 84.0 | 96.8 | 66.8 | 64.5 | 73.5 | 62.6 | | | |
| 1938 - January | 99.0 | 103.3 | 87.2 | 41.9 | 38.3 | 49.2 | 40.5 | 65.0 | 46.2 | | | |
| February | 94.6 | 97.1 | 88.5 | 60.5 | 61.4 | 62.6 | 56.2 | 73.9 | 60.7 | | | |
| March | 104.8 | 106.8 | 99.7 | 87.9 | 99.6 | 80.9 | 77.7 | 86.6 | 80.8 | | | |
| April | 104.5 | 108.2 | 94.7 | 85.2 | 104.0 | 78.2 | 83.0 | 77.9 | 69.6 | | | |

| Year and Month | GROCERIES | | | | | FRUITS AND VEGETABLES | | |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|-----------------------|--------|--------------------|
| | Canada | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | Canada | Maritimes & Quebec |
| April, 1935 | 82.7 | 77.1 | 65.7 | 87.5 | 95.9 | 76.8 | 82.8 | 98.0 |
| April, 1936 | 89.2 | 89.0 | 72.4 | 87.0 | 104.8 | 89.2 | 84.1 | 89.7 |
| April, 1937 | 96.7 | 106.4 | 81.3 | 94.3 | 106.6 | 101.6 | 98.0 | 100.4 |
| April, 1938 | 93.5 | 97.9 | 73.2 | 93.2 | 104.7 | 100.2 | 94.9 | 108.9 |
| 1937 - May | 100.8 | 109.9 | 86.8 | 99.0 | 110.2 | 105.7 | 108.7 | 123.0 |
| June | 109.6 | 119.6 | 94.7 | 110.2 | 115.9 | 115.7 | 116.3 | 140.8 |
| July | 119.1 | 126.5 | 90.9 | 116.5 | 136.8 | 128.5 | 102.0 | 97.6 |
| August | 111.4 | 115.3 | 86.9 | 106.7 | 130.7 | 117.8 | 90.2 | 81.9 |
| September .. | 123.3 | 129.7 | 109.2 | 115.7 | 146.2 | 117.1 | 102.3 | 126.8 |
| October | 117.5 | 126.9 | 119.2 | 111.6 | 125.9 | 114.4 | 88.9 | 88.5 |
| November ... | 111.8 | 124.3 | 113.2 | 103.2 | 119.0 | 114.2 | 79.9 | 74.8 |
| December ... | 99.7 | 114.7 | 86.1 | 100.7 | 107.8 | 98.6 | 87.1 | 88.6 |
| 1938 - January | 82.1 | 93.4 | 55.6 | 83.9 | 93.2 | 87.8 | 66.3 | 70.6 |
| February | 83.3 | 89.0 | 64.2 | 82.8 | 93.2 | 90.2 | 70.1 | 86.2 |
| March | 97.4 | 106.9 | 79.2 | 93.9 | 109.3 | 105.0 | 86.2 | 99.2 |
| April | 93.5 | 97.9 | 73.2 | 93.2 | 104.7 | 100.2 | 94.9 | 108.9 |

| Year and Month | HARDWARE | | | | | TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY | | |
|---------------------|----------|-----------|--------|---------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------|---------|
| | Canada | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces | Canada | Quebec | Ontario |
| April, 1935 | 77.1 | 81.8 | 72.0 | 74.3 | 82.6 | 80.5 | 76.2 | 86.2 |
| April, 1936 | 85.7 | 88.3 | 83.8 | 80.8 | 91.4 | 85.5 | 87.9 | 85.2 |
| April, 1937 | 118.5 | 104.3 | 111.7 | 107.5 | 132.3 | 102.3 | 113.5 | 98.0 |
| April, 1938 | 100.0 | 93.1 | 101.3 | 95.5 | 106.4 | 103.3 | 113.7 | 102.0 |
| 1937 - May | 113.0 | 97.4 | 124.0 | 101.1 | 119.5 | 105.2 | 114.3 | 105.1 |
| June | 113.6 | 98.1 | 114.4 | 114.4 | 119.7 | 111.7 | 123.3 | 111.0 |
| July | 102.3 | 92.7 | 106.8 | 97.1 | 107.8 | 110.3 | 118.1 | 112.4 |
| August | 102.0 | 81.7 | 106.5 | 83.4 | 113.1 | 104.0 | 105.4 | 108.9 |
| September .. | 116.2 | 106.5 | 123.9 | 102.3 | 124.8 | 99.4 | 92.1 | 107.2 |
| October | 111.4 | 103.0 | 116.3 | 104.1 | 117.9 | 101.2 | 95.2 | 106.2 |
| November ... | 96.8 | 84.5 | 98.6 | 90.5 | 103.7 | 99.1 | 93.2 | 103.4 |
| December ... | 83.1 | 64.7 | 85.9 | 85.3 | 87.2 | 110.3 | 108.0 | 115.0 |
| 1938 - January | 61.3 | 47.8 | 66.2 | 62.6 | 63.0 | 82.3 | 86.5 | 82.5 |
| February | 64.5 | 51.2 | 63.9 | 60.6 | 69.2 | 85.3 | 92.6 | 84.3 |
| March | 90.8 | 78.8 | 82.3 | 82.2 | 101.1 | 99.1 | 106.6 | 98.7 |
| April | 100.0 | 93.1 | 101.3 | 95.5 | 106.4 | 103.3 | 113.7 | 102.0 |

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MONTHLY WHOLESALE TRADE, MAY, 1938

Dollar value of wholesale sales in Canada increased 7 per cent in May compared with April and was less than one per cent below the level of May last year according to monthly statements of sales received from about 200 wholesale merchants including nine different lines of business. The gain from April is somewhat more than the usual seasonal amount while the decline of only 0.9 per cent from May last year is a narrowing of the spread which has characterized earlier corresponding-month comparisons thus far. April sales were 5 per cent lower this year than last while corresponding declines for the three preceding months were 4 per cent for March and 3 per cent for both January and February. The composite index for the nine lines of business on the base 1930 equals 100 stands at 86.6 for May, 89.4 for April and 96.5 for May last year.

Sales for all branches of the clothing trade were lower in May this year than last, declines of 11 per cent for clothing, 9 per cent for footwear and 8 per cent for dry goods being reported. Current figures on retail trade show declines in May this year compared with last, amounting to 22 per cent for shoe stores, 20 per cent for men's clothing stores, and 13 per cent for women's clothing stores. These decreases may be explained at least in part by the unfavourable weather conditions existing in Ontario during the month of May.

The wholesale hardware trade was down 6 per cent in May this year compared with last and automotive equipment was off by 2 per cent. All other groups reported slight moderate gains amounting to 5 per cent for tobacco and confectionery, 4 per cent for drugs, 2 per cent for groceries, and 1 per cent for fruits and vegetables.

Combined figures for all trades for each of the economic divisions of the country indicate a slight increase in the Maritime Provinces and slight decreases in the Prairie Provinces and British Columbia in May of this year compared with last. Sales in Ontario remained unchanged while in Quebec a greater than average decrease in the wholesale hardware trade and a decline in wholesale groceries resulted in a decrease of 3 per cent in the wholesale trade of the province as a whole.

Wholesale merchants' inventories continue at a lower level than on corresponding dates last year, a decrease of 6 per cent at the end of May being reported. Reductions were greatest in the hardware and grocery trades, amounting to 13 per cent for the former and 8 per cent for the latter. Stocks held by wholesalers in the dry goods and tobacco trades were down by 2 per cent. Drugs remained unchanged, while increases ranging from 2 per cent for fruits and vegetables to 9 per cent for automotive equipment were reported.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

| | Percentage Change, 1938, Compared with 1937 | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|------------------------|------------------------|
| | SALES | | INVENTORY |
| | (1) | (2) | |
| | April, 1938 April, 1937 | May, 1938 May, 1937 | May, 1938 May, 1937 |
| Automotive Equipment | + 0.7 | - 1.8 | + 8.8 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 11.9 | + 4.5 | . |
| Ontario | + 11.3 | + 12.8 | . |
| Western Provinces | - 8.7 | - 10.1 | . |
| Drugs | - 0.3 | + 4.2 | + 0.3 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario | + 0.5 | + 4.7 | . |
| Western Provinces | - 2.7 | + 3.0 | . |
| Clothing | - 5.3 | - 11.2 | + 4.0 |
| Quebec | - 11.9 | - 5.9 | . |
| Ontario and Western Provinces | + 0.3 | - 15.4 | . |
| Footwear | - 11.3 | - 8.9 | + 6.3 |
| Quebec | - 19.6 | - 9.6 | . |
| Ontario | + 5.4 | - 7.7 | . |
| Dry Goods | - 7.3 | - 8.3 | - 2.2 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 4.9 | - 7.7 | . |
| Ontario | - 6.5 | - 7.8 | . |
| Western Provinces | - 13.7 | - 10.1 | . |
| Fruits and Vegetables | - 1.5 | + 1.0 | + 1.8 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 4.0 | + 0.5 | . |
| Ontario | + 4.9 | + 2.7 | . |
| Western Provinces | - 9.0 | - 0.4 | . |
| Groceries | - 3.3 | + 1.5 | - 7.9 |
| Maritimes | - 8.0 | + 6.0 | . |
| Quebec | - 10.0 | - 2.4 | . |
| Ontario | - 1.0 | + 0.5 | . |
| Prairies | - 2.1 | + 0.4 | . |
| British Columbia | - 1.4 | + 6.6 | . |
| Hardware | - 15.6 | - 5.8 | - 12.8 |
| Maritimes | - 12.1 | - 9.8 | . |
| Quebec | - 9.3 | - 9.4 | . |
| Ontario | - 11.2 | - 0.3 | . |
| Western Provinces | - 19.6 | - 5.3 | . |
| Tobacco and Confectionery | + 1.5 | + 4.5 | - 2.2 |
| Quebec | + 0.2 | + 8.0 | . |
| Ontario | + 4.1 | + 3.4 | . |
| Western Provinces | + 0.8 | - 2.0 | . |
| Wholesale Trade-- | | | |
| Maritimes | - 7.7 | + 0.9 | . |
| Quebec | - 5.9 | - 3.0 | . |
| Ontario | - 0.2 | + 0.3 | . |
| Prairies | - 7.3 | - 1.1 | . |
| British Columbia | - 9.0 | - 0.7 | . |
| CANADA | - 5.3 | - 0.9 | - 6.3 |

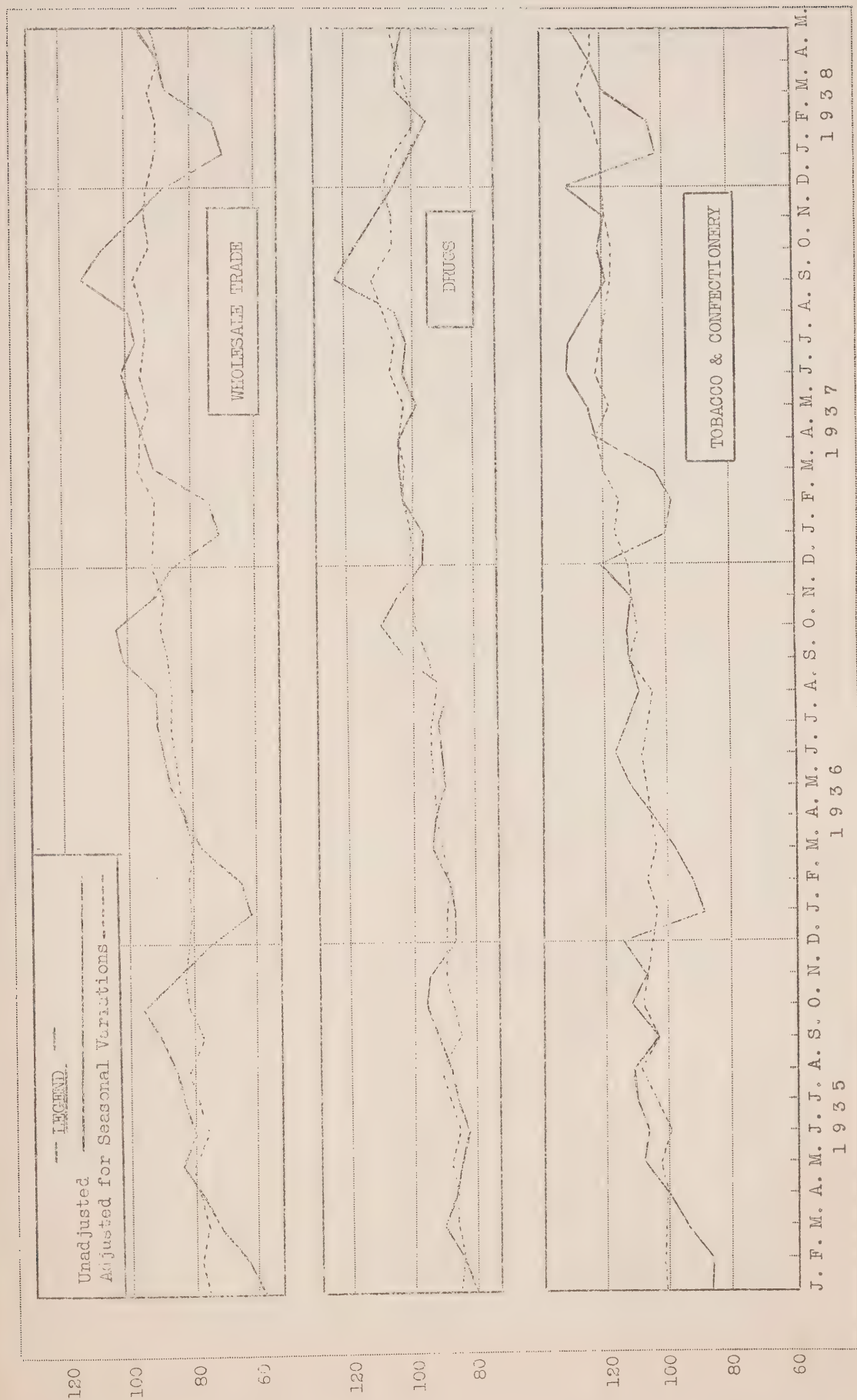
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| Year and Month | WHOLESALE TRADE | | | | | | | AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT | | | |
|----------------|-----------------|-------|-------------------------|--------|----------|----------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | Canada | | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | Canada | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May, 1935 | 83.7 | 90.2 | 85.2 | 90.4 | 73.7 | 80.4 | 82.9 | 74.9 | 93.1 | 80.8 | |
| May, 1936 | 86.9 | 89.6 | 86.9 | 93.2 | 76.7 | 89.6 | 92.0 | 85.4 | 100.5 | 90.7 | |
| May, 1937 | 96.5 | 103.0 | 100.3 | 99.3 | 82.3 | 103.9 | 105.1 | 98.3 | 100.8 | 110.3 | |
| May, 1938 | 95.6 | 103.9 | 97.3 | 99.6 | 81.4 | 108.1 | 103.2 | 102.7 | 113.7 | 99.2 | |
| 1937 - June | 100.4 | 107.6 | 103.0 | 105.5 | 85.1 | 111.5 | 96.4 | 78.4 | 110.1 | 96.1 | |
| July | 97.4 | 107.3 | 87.5 | 99.5 | 91.0 | 116.8 | 89.9 | 80.6 | 109.3 | 83.3 | |
| August | 98.2 | 100.8 | 92.3 | 96.8 | 95.9 | 110.6 | 107.0 | 98.0 | 109.3 | 112.2 | |
| September | 113.3 | 123.6 | 118.9 | 109.2 | 108.5 | 112.4 | 143.1 | 116.7 | 158.2 | 150.1 | |
| October | 107.4 | 116.7 | 116.4 | 105.6 | 97.5 | 108.5 | 134.4 | 101.6 | 160.4 | 137.1 | |
| November | 96.6 | 108.0 | 98.9 | 94.9 | 88.6 | 104.2 | 104.9 | 88.0 | 114.9 | 107.7 | |
| December | 86.9 | 97.3 | 85.7 | 92.3 | 74.2 | 96.2 | 85.2 | 92.7 | 101.5 | 80.9 | |
| 1938 - January | 68.3 | 74.6 | 60.2 | 74.7 | 60.1 | 78.3 | 64.4 | 53.1 | 74.2 | 63.1 | |
| February | 71.7 | 73.6 | 70.6 | 76.6 | 61.8 | 80.6 | 60.6 | 52.9 | 70.9 | 57.0 | |
| March | 87.8 | 93.1 | 88.4 | 90.2 | 77.9 | 98.1 | 78.5 | 66.6 | 92.1 | 76.5 | |
| April | 89.4 | 94.6 | 90.6 | 93.7 | 78.4 | 96.0 | 99.5 | 89.0 | 109.1 | 99.8 | |
| May | 95.6 | 103.9 | 97.3 | 99.6 | 81.4 | 103.1 | 103.2 | 102.7 | 113.7 | 99.2 | |
| Year and Month | DRUGS | | CLOTHING | | FOOTWEAR | | DRY GOODS | | | | |
| | Maritimes | | Quebec & Ont. Provinces | | Canada | | Maritimes | | Canada | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May, 1935 | 87.0 | 88.6 | 80.0 | 77.1 | 90.1 | 72.1 | 71.8 | 77.6 | 62.9 | | |
| May, 1936 | 90.6 | 92.9 | 84.0 | 82.4 | 100.0 | 75.1 | 84.9 | 84.9 | 65.5 | | |
| May, 1937 | 98.3 | 101.8 | 88.5 | 89.8 | 111.8 | 84.0 | 85.3 | 87.6 | 76.1 | | |
| May, 1938 | 102.4 | 106.6 | 91.2 | 79.7 | 101.8 | 77.0 | 80.8 | 80.8 | 68.4 | | |
| 1937 - June | 102.6 | 105.9 | 93.0 | 81.3 | 98.7 | 79.3 | 85.8 | 85.8 | 65.2 | | |
| July | 101.8 | 106.5 | 88.8 | 63.1 | 61.1 | 58.6 | 70.6 | 61.6 | 70.6 | | |
| August | 104.8 | 109.1 | 93.4 | 113.0 | 117.2 | 88.2 | 110.9 | 88.9 | 110.9 | | |
| September | 122.2 | 130.2 | 100.8 | 147.1 | 160.2 | 118.8 | 127.5 | 117.2 | 127.5 | | |
| October | 116.9 | 123.4 | 100.3 | 142.8 | 159.5 | 112.5 | 121.5 | 107.1 | 121.5 | | |
| November | 111.4 | 116.3 | 98.1 | 110.9 | 93.7 | 92.6 | 108.2 | 95.4 | 108.2 | | |
| December | 104.4 | 110.3 | 89.1 | 84.0 | 96.8 | 66.8 | 62.6 | 73.5 | 62.6 | | |
| 1938 - January | 99.0 | 103.3 | 87.2 | 41.9 | 38.3 | 49.2 | 46.2 | 65.0 | 46.2 | | |
| February | 94.6 | 97.1 | 88.3 | 60.5 | 61.4 | 62.6 | 60.7 | 73.9 | 60.7 | | |
| March | 104.8 | 106.8 | 99.7 | 87.9 | 99.6 | 80.9 | 80.8 | 86.6 | 80.8 | | |
| April | 104.2 | 107.7 | 94.1 | 86.1 | 104.0 | 78.2 | 69.6 | 77.9 | 69.6 | | |
| May | 102.4 | 106.6 | 91.2 | 79.7 | 101.8 | 77.0 | 68.4 | 80.8 | 68.4 | | |

| Year and Month | GROCERIES | | | | | | | FRUITS AND VEGETABLES | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|------------------|--------|---------------------------|---------|-------------------|--|
| | Canada | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | Canada | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces | |
| May, 1935 | 91.7 | 95.7 | 84.3 | 96.1 | 99.6 | 81.3 | 95.3 | 107.5 | 106.0 | 75.9 | |
| May, 1936 | 93.1 | 98.7 | 78.0 | 94.5 | 104.9 | 89.6 | 97.7 | 107.3 | 112.9 | 75.9 | |
| May, 1937 | 100.8 | 109.9 | 86.8 | 99.0 | 110.2 | 105.7 | 108.7 | 123.0 | 124.2 | 84.1 | |
| May, 1938 | 102.3 | 116.5 | 84.7 | 99.5 | 110.6 | 112.7 | 109.8 | 123.6 | 127.6 | 83.8 | |
| 1937 - June | 109.6 | 119.6 | 94.7 | 110.2 | 115.9 | 115.7 | 116.3 | 140.8 | 131.5 | 91.6 | |
| July | 119.1 | 126.5 | 90.9 | 116.5 | 136.8 | 128.5 | 102.0 | 97.6 | 111.8 | 97.6 | |
| August | 111.4 | 115.3 | 86.9 | 106.7 | 130.7 | 117.8 | 90.2 | 81.9 | 94.0 | 93.5 | |
| September | 123.3 | 129.7 | 109.2 | 115.7 | 146.2 | 117.1 | 102.3 | 126.8 | 90.3 | 102.8 | |
| October | 117.5 | 126.9 | 119.2 | 111.6 | 125.9 | 114.4 | 88.9 | 88.5 | 91.8 | 89.4 | |
| November | 111.8 | 124.3 | 113.2 | 103.2 | 119.0 | 114.2 | 79.9 | 74.8 | 85.0 | 78.4 | |
| December | 99.7 | 114.7 | 86.1 | 100.7 | 107.8 | 98.6 | 87.1 | 88.6 | 97.8 | 76.7 | |
| 1938 - January | 82.1 | 93.4 | 55.6 | 83.9 | 93.2 | 87.8 | 66.3 | 70.6 | 78.7 | 50.9 | |
| February | 83.3 | 89.0 | 64.2 | 82.8 | 93.2 | 90.2 | 70.1 | 86.2 | 85.4 | 49.4 | |
| March | 97.4 | 106.9 | 79.2 | 93.9 | 109.3 | 105.0 | 85.7 | 95.9 | 100.6 | 65.5 | |
| April | 93.5 | 97.9 | 73.2 | 93.4 | 104.4 | 100.2 | 96.5 | 104.4 | 112.6 | 72.3 | |
| May | 102.3 | 116.5 | 84.7 | 99.5 | 110.6 | 112.7 | 109.8 | 123.6 | 127.6 | 83.8 | |
| TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Year and Month | HARDWARE | | | | | | | TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY | | | |
| | Canada | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | Canada | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces | |
| May, 1935 | 88.1 | 86.6 | 87.3 | 85.3 | 93.5 | 83.9 | 88.9 | 86.0 | 94.8 | 83.7 | |
| May, 1936 | 95.3 | 95.3 | 95.9 | 94.9 | 102.4 | 93.8 | 93.8 | 97.6 | 95.5 | 84.2 | |
| May, 1937 | 112.0 | 97.4 | 124.0 | 101.1 | 119.5 | 105.2 | 105.2 | 114.3 | 105.1 | 90.6 | |
| May, 1938 | 106.4 | 87.9 | 112.3 | 100.8 | 113.2 | 109.9 | 109.9 | 123.4 | 108.7 | 88.8 | |
| 1937 - June | 113.6 | 98.1 | 114.4 | 114.4 | 119.7 | 111.7 | 111.7 | 123.3 | 111.0 | 95.9 | |
| July | 102.3 | 92.7 | 106.8 | 97.1 | 107.8 | 110.3 | 110.3 | 118.1 | 112.4 | 92.6 | |
| August | 102.0 | 81.7 | 106.5 | 83.4 | 113.1 | 104.0 | 104.0 | 105.4 | 108.9 | 92.5 | |
| September | 116.2 | 106.5 | 123.9 | 102.3 | 124.8 | 99.4 | 99.4 | 92.1 | 107.2 | 96.0 | |
| October | 111.4 | 103.0 | 116.3 | 104.1 | 117.9 | 101.2 | 101.2 | 95.2 | 106.2 | 97.1 | |
| November | 96.8 | 84.5 | 98.6 | 90.5 | 103.7 | 99.1 | 99.1 | 93.2 | 103.4 | 99.0 | |
| December | 83.1 | 64.7 | 85.9 | 85.3 | 87.2 | 110.3 | 110.3 | 108.0 | 115.0 | 106.1 | |
| 1938 - January | 61.3 | 47.8 | 66.2 | 62.6 | 63.0 | 82.3 | 82.3 | 86.5 | 82.5 | 72.7 | |
| February | 64.5 | 51.2 | 63.9 | 60.6 | 69.2 | 85.3 | 85.3 | 92.6 | 84.3 | 74.0 | |
| March | 90.8 | 78.8 | 82.3 | 82.2 | 101.1 | 99.1 | 99.1 | 106.6 | 98.7 | 85.7 | |
| April | 100.0 | 91.7 | 101.3 | 95.5 | 106.4 | 103.8 | 103.8 | 113.7 | 102.0 | 88.3 | |
| May | 106.4 | 87.9 | 112.3 | 100.8 | 113.2 | 109.9 | 109.9 | 123.4 | 108.7 | 88.8 | |

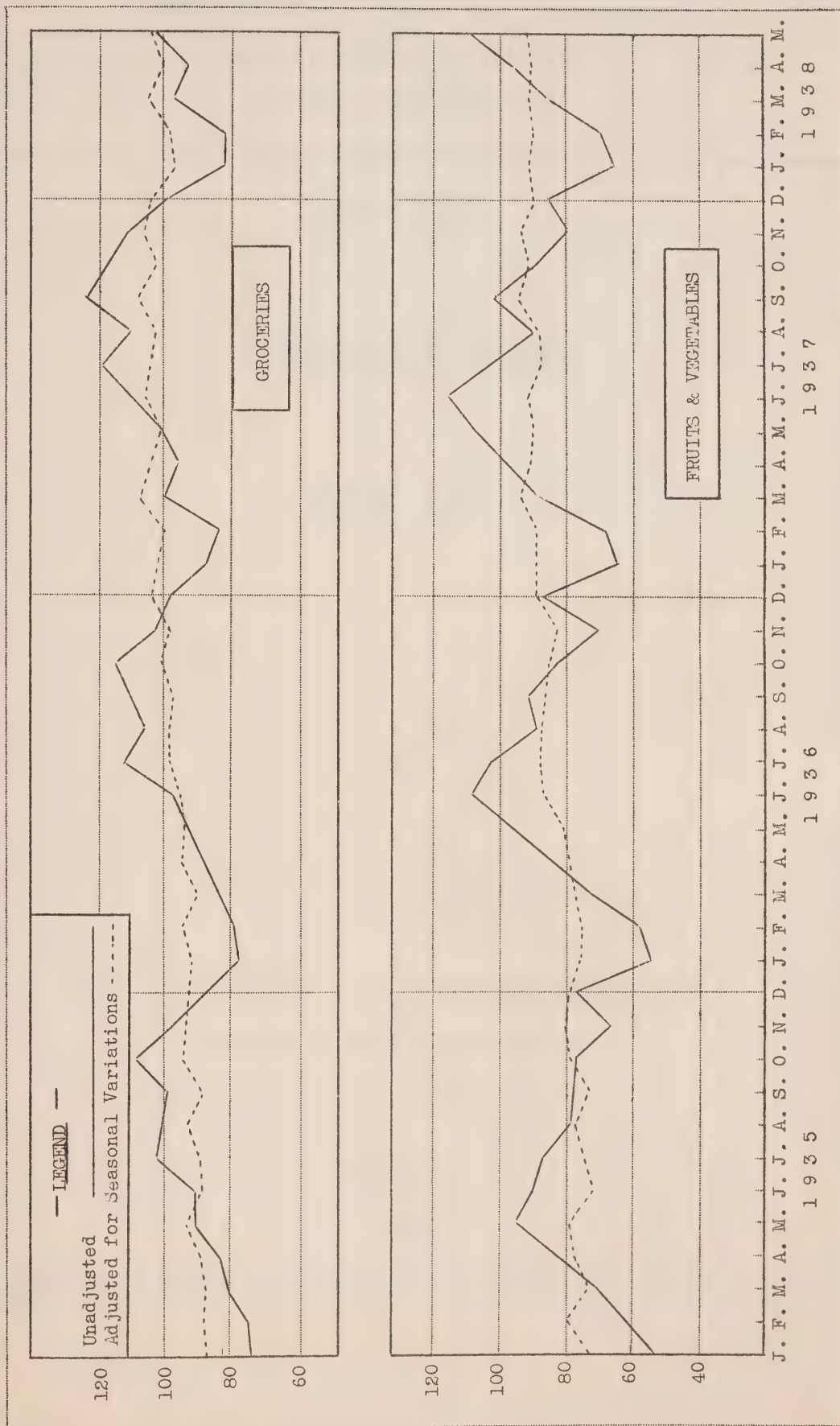
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MONTHLY WHOLESALE TRADE, JUNE, 1938.

The dollar value of wholesale sales in Canada increased 5 per cent in June compared with May and was practically unchanged from June last year according to monthly statements of sales received from about 200 wholesale merchants in 9 different lines of business. The decline of only 0.1 per cent in June this year compared with last continues the improvement begun in May when sales were down by 1 per cent from the same month in the preceding year. Corresponding-month comparisons for this year and last for earlier periods showed losses of 5 per cent for April, 4 per cent for March, and 3 per cent for January and February. The composite index for the nine lines of business on the base 1930 equals 100 stands at 100.3 for June, 95.5 for May, and 100.4 for June last year.

Sales in all branches of the dry goods and apparel group continue to show marked decreases from 1937. Clothing was 15.5 per cent lower in June, 1938, than in June, 1937; footwear, 5.6 per cent, and dry goods, 14.5 per cent. Hardware sales were also less than in 1937, although the decrease of 4.4 per cent is smaller than has been registered by that group in corresponding-month comparisons for some months. All other groups showed increases in dollar value of sales in June, 1938, over June, 1937. Sales of drugs, and fruits and vegetables increased 1 per cent, while more substantial gains of 3 per cent in the groceries trade, 4 per cent in the automotive equipment trade and 9 per cent in the tobacco and confectionery trade were reported.

Combined figures for all trades for each economic division of the country showed decreases in Eastern Canada and increases in Western Canada, resulting in practically no change in dollar value of wholesale sales for Canada as a whole. Decreases of 1 per cent in Ontario, 2 per cent in the Maritime Provinces, and 5 per cent in Quebec were reported. These decreases were offset by an increase of 5 per cent in the Prairie Provinces, while British Columbia showed practically no change from June, 1937.

Inventories continue at a lower level than on corresponding dates last year, decrease of 7.8 per cent at the end of June being reported. Greatest reductions were shown in the hardware and fruits and vegetables trades where values of stocks on hand at the end of June were lower by 15 per cent for the former and 13 per cent for the latter than on the same date a year ago. The groceries group showed a decrease of 7 per cent, dry goods, 6 per cent, and drugs, 2 per cent. The remaining groups showed increases in the value of stocks on hand amounting to 2.1 per cent for clothing, 5 per cent for tobacco and confectionery, 7 per cent for automotive equipment, and 14 per cent for footwear.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

| | Percentage Change, 1938, Compared with 1937. | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| | SALES | | | Inventory June, 1938 June, 1937 |
| | (1) May, 1938 May, 1937 | (2) June, 1938 June, 1937 | Second Quarter, 1938 Second Quarter, 1937 | |
| | | | | |
| Motive Equipment | - 1.4 | + 3.9 | + 1.0 | + 7.3 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 4.5 | + 0.9 | + 5.7 | |
| Ontario | +13.3 | - 1.6 | + 7.3 | |
| Western Provinces | -10.1 | + 8.2 | - 4.0 | |
| PS | + 4.1 | + 0.7 | + 1.4 | - 1.5 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario | + 4.4 | + 0.6 | + 1.8 | |
| Western Provinces | + 3.0 | + 1.1 | + 0.4 | |
| Shing | -11.6 | -15.5 | -10.6 | + 2.1 |
| Quebec | - 6.7 | -20.4 | -13.1 | |
| Ontario and Western Provinces | -15.4 | -10.9 | - 8.7 | |
| Wear | - 8.9 | - 5.6 | - 8.8 | +13.9 |
| Quebec | - 9.6 | -12.1 | -14.0 | |
| Ontario | - 7.7 | + 6.7 | + 1.0 | |
| Goods | - 8.3 | -14.5 | -10.0 | - 6.2 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 7.7 | -18.7 | -10.3 | |
| Ontario | - 7.8 | -12.4 | - 8.9 | |
| Western Provinces | -10.1 | - 7.3 | -10.6 | |
| Fruits and Vegetables | + 0.4 | + 0.8 | - 0.1 | -13.1 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 1.8 | - 3.1 | - 0.7 | |
| Ontario | + 2.7 | - 6.5 | + 0.1 | |
| Western Provinces | - 0.5 | + 8.8 | + 0.2 | |
| Series | + 1.5 | + 3.2 | + 0.6 | - 7.1 |
| Maritimes | + 6.0 | + 0.7 | - 0.3 | |
| Quebec | - 2.4 | - 3.7 | - 5.2 | |
| Ontario | + 0.8 | + 4.4 | + 1.5 | |
| Prairies | + 0.4 | + 5.4 | + 1.4 | |
| British Columbia | + 6.6 | + 4.5 | + 3.3 | |
| Ware | - 5.9 | - 4.4 | - 8.8 | -15.0 |
| Maritimes | - 9.8 | - 7.8 | - 9.9 | |
| Quebec | - 9.4 | - 5.6 | - 8.1 | |
| Ontario | - 0.3 | - 6.7 | - 6.2 | |
| Western Provinces | - 5.4 | - 3.0 | - 9.7 | |
| Cocoa and Confectionery | + 4.3 | + 8.5 | + 4.9 | + 4.6 |
| Quebec | + 8.0 | +16.8 | + 8.5 | |
| Ontario | + 3.1 | + 1.0 | + 2.7 | |
| Western Provinces | - 0.5 | + 2.4 | + 0.9 | |
| Wholesale Trade-- | | | | |
| Maritimes | + 0.9 | - 2.4 | - 3.1 | |
| Quebec | - 3.1 | - 5.1 | - 4.7 | |
| Ontario | + 0.5 | - 0.8 | - 0.2 | |
| Prairies | - 1.0 | + 4.8 | - 1.2 | |
| British Columbia | - 0.9 | + 0.1 | - 3.2 | |
| CANADA | - 1.0 | - 0.1 | - 2.1 | - 7.8 |

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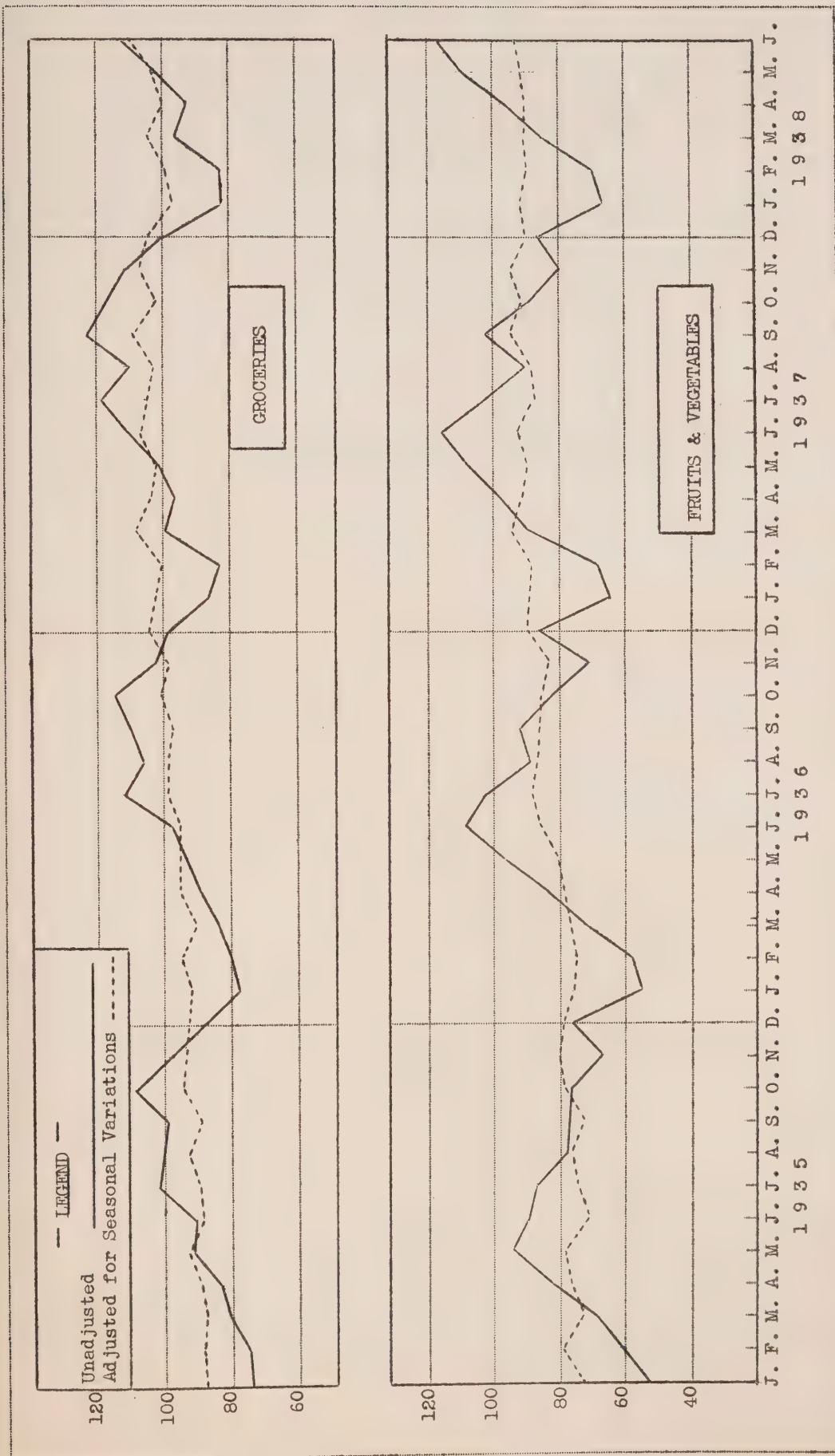
| Year and Month | WHOLESALE TRADE | | | | | | AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | Can.A.D.A. | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | Can.A.D.A. | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| June, 1935 | 79.8 | 79.7 | 79.1 | 85.9 | 71.9 | 79.7 | 77.6 | 52.1 | 87.3 | 83.0 |
| June, 1936 | 89.1 | 93.5 | 90.3 | 94.3 | 79.5 | 89.7 | 87.1 | 67.2 | 93.5 | 91.9 |
| June, 1937 | 100.4 | 107.6 | 103.0 | 105.5 | 85.1 | 111.5 | 96.4 | 78.4 | 110.1 | 96.1 |
| June, 1938 | 100.3 | 105.0 | 97.7 | 104.7 | 89.2 | 111.6 | 100.2 | 79.1 | 108.3 | 104.0 |
| 1937 - July | 97.4 | 107.3 | 87.5 | 99.5 | 91.0 | 116.8 | 89.9 | 80.6 | 109.3 | 83.3 |
| August | 98.2 | 100.8 | 92.3 | 96.8 | 95.9 | 110.6 | 107.0 | 98.0 | 109.3 | 112.2 |
| September | 113.3 | 123.6 | 118.9 | 109.2 | 108.5 | 112.4 | 143.1 | 116.7 | 158.2 | 150.1 |
| October | 107.4 | 116.7 | 116.4 | 105.6 | 97.5 | 108.5 | 134.4 | 101.6 | 160.4 | 137.1 |
| November | 96.6 | 108.0 | 98.9 | 94.9 | 88.6 | 104.2 | 104.9 | 88.0 | 114.9 | 107.7 |
| December | 86.9 | 97.3 | 85.7 | 92.3 | 74.2 | 96.2 | 85.2 | 92.7 | 101.5 | 80.9 |
| 1938 - January | 68.3 | 74.6 | 60.9 | 74.9 | 60.1 | 78.3 | 64.4 | 53.1 | 74.2 | 63.1 |
| February | 71.7 | 73.6 | 70.6 | 76.6 | 61.8 | 80.6 | 60.6 | 52.9 | 70.9 | 57.0 |
| March | 87.8 | 93.1 | 88.4 | 90.2 | 77.9 | 98.1 | 78.5 | 66.6 | 92.1 | 76.5 |
| April | 89.4 | 94.6 | 90.6 | 93.7 | 78.4 | 95.9 | 99.5 | 89.0 | 109.1 | 99.8 |
| May | 95.5 | 103.9 | 97.2 | 99.8 | 81.5 | 107.9 | 103.6 | 102.7 | 114.2 | 99.2 |
| June | 100.3 | 105.0 | 97.7 | 104.7 | 89.2 | 111.6 | 100.2 | 79.1 | 108.3 | 104.0 |

| Year and Month | DRUGS | | | CLOTHING | | FOOTWEAR | | DRY GOODS | | | |
|----------------------|------------|--------------------------|----------------------|------------|--|------------|--|------------|-----------------------|---------|----------------------|
| | Can.N.D.A. | Maritimes Que. & Ont. | Western Provinces | Can.N.D.A. | | Can.N.D.A. | | Can.N.D.A. | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| June, 1935 | 82.8 | 84.9 | 76.8 | 66.3 | | 77.5 | | 64.3 | 65.6 | 73.0 | 50.6 |
| June, 1936 | 91.6 | 93.7 | 85.2 | 73.8 | | 92.2 | | 69.3 | 70.5 | 73.8 | 61.8 |
| June, 1937 | 102.6 | 105.9 | 93.0 | 81.3 | | 98.7 | | 79.3 | 82.6 | 85.8 | 65.2 |
| June, 1938 | 103.3 | 106.5 | 94.0 | 68.7 | | 93.2 | | 67.8 | 67.2 | 75.2 | 60.4 |
| 1937 - July | 101.8 | 106.5 | 88.3 | 63.1 | | 61.1 | | 59.6 | 53.1 | 61.6 | 70.6 |
| August | 104.8 | 109.1 | 93.4 | 113.0 | | 117.2 | | 88.2 | 76.5 | 88.9 | 110.9 |
| September ... | 122.2 | 130.2 | 100.8 | 147.1 | | 160.2 | | 118.8 | 115.9 | 117.2 | 127.5 |
| October | 116.9 | 123.1 | 100.3 | 142.8 | | 159.5 | | 112.5 | 111.9 | 107.1 | 121.5 |
| November | 111.4 | 116.3 | 98.1 | 110.9 | | 93.7 | | 92.6 | 83.3 | 95.4 | 108.2 |
| December | 104.4 | 110.3 | 89.1 | 84.0 | | 96.8 | | 66.8 | 64.5 | 73.5 | 62.6 |
| 1938 - January | 99.0 | 103.3 | 87.2 | 41.9 | | 38.3 | | 49.2 | 40.5 | 65.0 | 46.2 |
| February | 94.6 | 97.1 | 88.3 | 60.5 | | 61.4 | | 62.6 | 56.2 | 73.9 | 60.7 |
| March | 104.8 | 106.8 | 99.7 | 87.9 | | 99.6 | | 80.9 | 77.7 | 86.6 | 80.8 |
| April | 104.2 | 107.7 | 94.1 | 86.1 | | 104.0 | | 78.2 | 83.0 | 77.9 | 69.6 |
| May | 102.3 | 106.3 | 91.2 | 79.4 | | 101.8 | | 77.0 | 78.7 | 80.8 | 68.4 |
| June | 103.3 | 106.5 | 94.0 | 68.7 | | 93.2 | | 67.8 | 67.2 | 75.2 | 60.4 |

(Average for 1930-1937)

| Year and Month | GROCERIES | | | | | | FRUITS AND VEGETABLES | | | |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|------------------|-----------------------|--------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | Maritimes & Quebec | | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| | | | | | | | CANADA | Quebec | | |
| June, 1935 | 90.7 | 85.4 | 78.8 | 96.0 | 99.0 | 86.8 | 89.6 | 100.0 | 93.9 | 77.9 |
| June, 1936 | 97.6 | 103.8 | 80.7 | 102.3 | 108.4 | 90.4 | 108.8 | 141.1 | 115.8 | 87.2 |
| June, 1937 | 109.6 | 119.6 | 94.7 | 110.2 | 115.9 | 115.7 | 116.3 | 140.8 | 131.5 | 91.6 |
| June, 1938 | 113.1 | 120.4 | 91.2 | 115.0 | 122.2 | 120.9 | 117.2 | 136.4 | 123.0 | 99.7 |
| 1937 - July | 119.1 | 126.5 | 90.9 | 116.5 | 136.8 | 128.5 | 102.0 | 97.6 | 111.8 | 97.6 |
| August | 111.4 | 115.3 | 86.9 | 106.7 | 130.7 | 117.8 | 90.2 | 81.9 | 94.0 | 93.5 |
| September | 123.3 | 129.7 | 109.2 | 115.7 | 146.2 | 117.1 | 102.3 | 126.8 | 90.3 | 102.8 |
| October | 117.5 | 126.9 | 119.2 | 111.6 | 125.9 | 114.4 | 88.9 | 88.5 | 91.8 | 89.4 |
| November | 111.8 | 124.3 | 113.2 | 103.2 | 119.0 | 114.2 | 79.9 | 74.8 | 85.0 | 78.4 |
| December | 99.7 | 114.7 | 86.1 | 100.7 | 107.8 | 98.6 | 87.1 | 88.6 | 97.8 | 76.7 |
| 1938 - January | 82.1 | 93.4 | 55.6 | 83.9 | 93.2 | 87.8 | 66.3 | 70.6 | 78.7 | 50.9 |
| February | 83.3 | 89.0 | 64.2 | 82.8 | 93.2 | 90.2 | 70.1 | 86.2 | 85.4 | 49.4 |
| March | 97.4 | 106.9 | 79.2 | 93.9 | 109.3 | 105.0 | 85.7 | 95.9 | 100.6 | 65.5 |
| April | 93.5 | 97.9 | 73.2 | 93.4 | 104.4 | 100.2 | 96.3 | 104.4 | 112.6 | 72.1 |
| May | 102.3 | 116.5 | 84.7 | 99.8 | 110.6 | 112.7 | 109.1 | 120.8 | 127.6 | 83.7 |
| June | 113.1 | 120.4 | 91.2 | 115.0 | 122.2 | 120.9 | 117.2 | 136.4 | 123.0 | 99.7 |

| Year and Month | HARDWARE | | | | | | TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY | | | |
|----------------|----------|-----------|--------|---------|-------------------|--------|---------------------------|--------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces | CANADA | Quebec | | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| | | | | | | | CANADA | Quebec | | |
| June, 1935 | 80.6 | 78.0 | 75.1 | 87.6 | 84.1 | 87.2 | 85.8 | 91.3 | 82.7 | |
| June, 1936 | 94.5 | 84.5 | 94.8 | 94.9 | 99.4 | 97.1 | 102.6 | 97.8 | 87.7 | |
| June, 1937 | 113.6 | 98.1 | 114.4 | 114.4 | 119.7 | 111.7 | 123.3 | 111.0 | 95.9 | |
| June, 1938 | 108.6 | 90.4 | 108.0 | 106.7 | 116.1 | 121.2 | 144.0 | 112.1 | 98.2 | |
| 1937 - July | 102.3 | 92.7 | 106.8 | 97.1 | 107.8 | 110.3 | 118.1 | 112.4 | 92.6 | |
| August | 102.0 | 81.7 | 106.5 | 83.4 | 113.1 | 104.0 | 105.4 | 108.9 | 92.5 | |
| September | 116.2 | 106.5 | 123.9 | 102.3 | 124.8 | 99.4 | 92.1 | 107.2 | 96.0 | |
| October | 111.4 | 103.0 | 116.3 | 104.1 | 117.9 | 101.2 | 95.2 | 106.2 | 97.1 | |
| November | 96.8 | 84.5 | 98.6 | 90.5 | 103.7 | 99.1 | 93.2 | 103.4 | 99.0 | |
| December | 83.1 | 64.7 | 85.9 | 85.3 | 87.2 | 110.3 | 108.0 | 115.0 | 106.1 | |
| 1938 - January | 61.3 | 47.8 | 66.2 | 62.6 | 63.0 | 82.3 | 86.5 | 82.5 | 72.7 | |
| February | 64.5 | 51.2 | 63.9 | 60.6 | 69.2 | 85.3 | 92.6 | 84.3 | 74.0 | |
| March | 90.8 | 78.8 | 82.3 | 82.2 | 101.1 | 99.1 | 106.6 | 98.7 | 85.7 | |
| April | 100.0 | 91.7 | 101.3 | 95.5 | 106.4 | 103.8 | 113.7 | 102.0 | 88.3 | |
| May | 106.3 | 87.9 | 112.3 | 100.8 | 113.0 | 109.7 | 123.4 | 108.4 | 90.1 | |
| June | 108.6 | 90.4 | 108.0 | 106.7 | 116.1 | 121.2 | 144.0 | 112.1 | 98.2 | |



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MONTHLY WHOLESALE TRADE, JULY, 1938.

The dollar value of wholesale sales in Canada decreased 10 per cent in July compared with June and 7 per cent from July last year according to reports secured from almost 200 wholesale firms operating in nine different lines of trade throughout the Dominion. The decline of 7 per cent from July of last year is greater than for any month since the commencement of this monthly survey almost three years ago. Corresponding-month comparisons for June and May of this year over last showed a decrease of 0.1 per cent for June and 1.0 per cent for May. April sales were 5.3 per cent lower than sales in April 1937. The index for the nine lines of trade combined, on the base 1930 equals 100, stands at 90.6 for July, 100.3 for June and 97.4 for July of last year.

Decreases from 1937 were registered in all lines of trade except in the automotive group where there was an increase of 15.4 per cent. The clothing and dry goods trade again showed the greatest decline when compared with the corresponding month of 1937. Clothing was 21.3 per cent lower and dry goods 20.4 per cent. The footwear trade was down 12.2 per cent. The hardware group which has registered marked decreases since February reported a drop of 8.1 per cent from July last year and the grocery trade which showed an improvement in June over June a year ago registered a decline of 7.6 per cent. Sales of drugs, fruits and vegetables and tobacco and confectionery showed decreases of from 2 to 4 per cent. In the wholesale grocery trade the value of sales declined from July last year in all sections of the country and ranged from a percentage decrease of 1.1 in the Maritimes to 9.3 in British Columbia.

Combined wholesale sales in all economic divisions of the country were down in July from July, 1937, but in the Prairie Provinces the drop was slight. Percentage decreases are as follows: Quebec, 12.3 per cent; British Columbia, 11.0 per cent; The Maritime Provinces, 8.0 per cent; Ontario, 7.9 per cent, and the Prairies less than 1 per cent.

Inventory value on July 31 for all lines of trade combined was 7.7 per cent lower than the stock value on the same date last year. The value of stocks on hand in the hardware trade was down 15 per cent, dry goods, 12 per cent; groceries, 4 per cent; fruits and vegetables, 3 per cent; and drugs, 1 per cent. In the automotive trade, inventory values were 17 per cent greater than at the end of July, 1937. Tobacco and confectionery was up 9 per cent, footwear, 6 per cent, and the clothing trade almost 1 per cent.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

| | Percentage change, 1938 compared with 1937. | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|-----------|
| | Sales | | Inventory |
| | (1) June, 1938 June, 1937 | (2) July, 1938 July, 1937 | |
| Automotive Equipment | + 3.9 | +15.4 | +16.9 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 0.9 | +16.2 | |
| Ontario | - 1.6 | - 2.8 | |
| Western Provinces | + 8.2 | +27.6 | |
| Clothing | - 0.1 | - 2.0 | - 1.2 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario | - 0.5 | - 5.5 | |
| Western Provinces | + 1.1 | + 8.1 | |
| Food | -15.5 | -21.3 | + 0.6 |
| Quebec | -20.4 | -18.6 | |
| Ontario and Western Provinces | -10.9 | -24.9 | |
| Footwear | - 5.6 | -12.2 | + 6.4 |
| Quebec | -12.1 | -14.4 | |
| Ontario | + 6.7 | - 7.1 | |
| Toy Goods | -13.7 | -20.4 | -12.1 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | -17.1 | -28.5 | |
| Ontario | -12.4 | - 7.8 | |
| Western Provinces | - 7.3 | -17.1 | |
| Fruits and Vegetables | + 1.0 | - 3.8 | - 2.6 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 3.1 | -22.1 | |
| Ontario | - 6.5 | -10.1 | |
| Western Provinces | + 9.2 | + 6.7 | |
| Groceries | + 3.2 | - 7.6 | - 4.1 |
| Maritimes | + 0.5 | - 5.1 | |
| Quebec | - 3.7 | - 7.0 | |
| Ontario | + 4.4 | - 7.1 | |
| Prairies | + 5.4 | - 8.1 | |
| British Columbia | + 4.5 | - 9.3 | |
| Hardware | - 4.5 | - 8.1 | -15.0 |
| Maritimes | - 8.9 | -11.6 | |
| Quebec | - 5.6 | -13.5 | |
| Ontario | - 6.7 | -15.6 | |
| Western Provinces | - 3.0 | - 3.8 | |
| Tobacco and Confectionery | + 8.1 | - 2.6 | + 9.0 |
| Quebec | +16.8 | - 3.2 | |
| Ontario | + 1.0 | - 1.9 | |
| Western Provinces | + 2.0 | - 2.4 | |
| Wholesale Trade-- | | | |
| Maritimes | - 2.9 | - 8.0 | |
| Quebec | - 4.9 | -12.3 | |
| Ontario | - 0.8 | - 7.9 | |
| Prairies | + 4.9 | - 0.7 | |
| British Columbia | + 0.1 | -11.0 | |
| CANADA | - 0.1 | - 7.0 | - 7.7 |

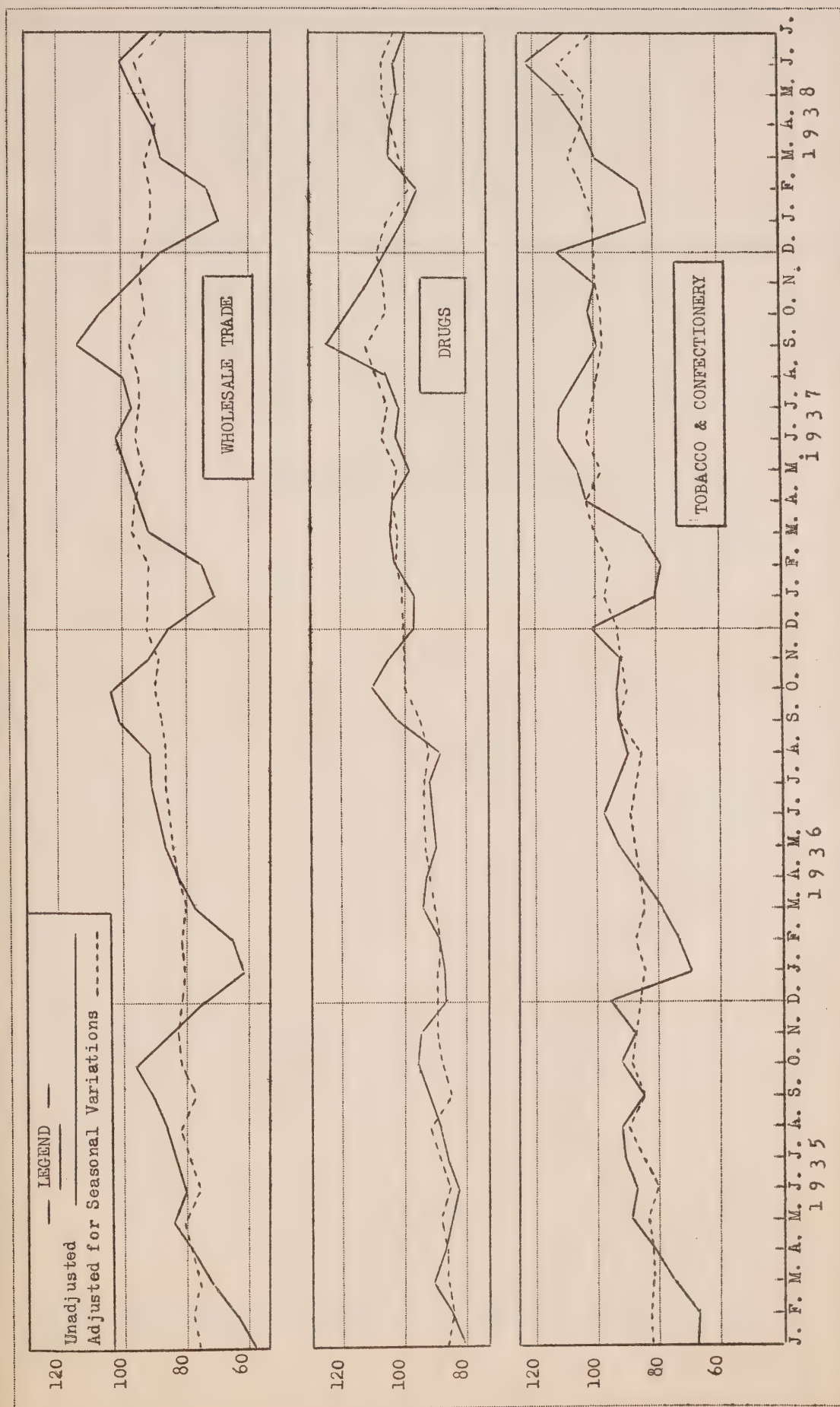
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| Year and Month | WHOLESALE TRADE | | | | | | AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------|-------------------|----------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| July, 1935 | 82.5 | 87.3 | 74.0 | 88.0 | 79.6 | 84.4 | 81.7 | 67.0 | 90.0 | 83.8 |
| July, 1936 | 90.3 | 95.6 | 79.2 | 95.5 | 87.1 | 98.4 | 83.8 | 71.0 | 93.8 | 83.8 |
| July, 1937 | 97.4 | 107.3 | 87.5 | 99.5 | 91.0 | 116.8 | 89.9 | 80.6 | 109.3 | 83.3 |
| July, 1938 | 90.6 | 98.7 | 76.7 | 91.6 | 90.4 | 104.0 | 103.7 | 93.7 | 106.2 | 106.3 |
| 1937 - August | 98.2 | 100.8 | 92.3 | 96.8 | 95.9 | 110.6 | 107.0 | 98.0 | 109.3 | 112.2 |
| September | 113.3 | 123.6 | 116.9 | 109.2 | 108.5 | 112.4 | 143.1 | 116.7 | 153.2 | 150.1 |
| October | 107.4 | 116.7 | 116.4 | 105.6 | 97.5 | 108.5 | 134.4 | 101.6 | 160.4 | 137.1 |
| November | 96.6 | 108.0 | 98.9 | 94.9 | 88.6 | 104.2 | 104.9 | 88.0 | 114.9 | 107.7 |
| December | 86.9 | 97.3 | 85.7 | 92.3 | 74.2 | 96.2 | 85.2 | 92.7 | 101.5 | 80.9 |
| 1938 - January | 68.3 | 74.6 | 60.9 | 74.9 | 60.1 | 78.3 | 64.4 | 53.1 | 74.2 | 63.1 |
| February | 71.7 | 73.6 | 70.6 | 76.6 | 61.8 | 80.6 | 60.6 | 52.9 | 70.9 | 57.0 |
| March | 87.8 | 93.1 | 88.4 | 90.2 | 77.9 | 98.1 | 78.5 | 66.6 | 92.1 | 76.5 |
| April | 89.4 | 94.6 | 90.6 | 93.7 | 78.4 | 95.9 | 99.5 | 89.0 | 109.1 | 99.8 |
| May | 95.5 | 103.9 | 97.1 | 99.8 | 81.5 | 107.9 | 103.6 | 102.7 | 114.2 | 99.2 |
| June | 100.3 | 104.5 | 98.0 | 104.7 | 89.3 | 111.6 | 100.2 | 79.1 | 108.3 | 104.0 |
| July | 90.6 | 98.7 | 76.7 | 91.6 | 90.4 | 104.0 | 103.7 | 93.7 | 106.2 | 106.3 |
| Year and Month | DRUGS | | | | | | CLOTHING FOOTWEAR | | | |
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Que. & Ont. | Western Provinces | CANADA | CANADA | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| July, 1935 | 66.7 | 88.7 | 80.7 | 80.7 | 53.0 | 60.4 | 52.5 | 44.7 | 54.9 | 65.3 |
| July, 1936 | 92.4 | 94.7 | 85.6 | 85.6 | 56.0 | 67.2 | 51.9 | 45.4 | 53.3 | 63.9 |
| July, 1937 | 101.8 | 106.5 | 88.8 | 88.8 | 63.1 | 61.1 | 59.6 | 53.1 | 61.6 | 70.6 |
| July, 1938 | 99.8 | 100.6 | 96.0 | 96.0 | 49.7 | 53.6 | 47.4 | 38.0 | 56.8 | 58.5 |
| 1937 - August | 104.8 | 109.1 | 93.4 | 93.4 | 113.0 | 117.2 | 88.2 | 76.5 | 88.9 | 110.9 |
| September | 122.2 | 130.2 | 100.8 | 100.8 | 147.1 | 160.2 | 118.8 | 115.9 | 117.2 | 127.5 |
| October | 116.9 | 123.1 | 100.3 | 100.3 | 142.8 | 159.5 | 112.5 | 111.9 | 107.1 | 121.5 |
| November | 111.4 | 116.3 | 98.1 | 98.1 | 110.9 | 93.7 | 92.6 | 83.3 | 95.4 | 108.2 |
| December | 104.4 | 110.3 | 89.1 | 89.1 | 84.0 | 96.8 | 66.8 | 64.5 | 73.5 | 62.6 |
| 1938 - January | 99.0 | 103.3 | 87.2 | 87.2 | 41.9 | 38.3 | 49.2 | 40.5 | 65.0 | 46.2 |
| February | 94.6 | 97.1 | 88.3 | 88.3 | 60.5 | 61.4 | 62.6 | 56.2 | 73.9 | 60.7 |
| March | 104.8 | 106.8 | 99.7 | 99.7 | 87.9 | 99.6 | 80.9 | 77.7 | 86.6 | 80.8 |
| April | 104.2 | 107.7 | 94.1 | 94.1 | 86.1 | 104.0 | 78.2 | 83.0 | 77.9 | 62.6 |
| May | 102.3 | 106.3 | 91.2 | 91.2 | 79.4 | 101.8 | 77.0 | 78.6 | 80.8 | 68.4 |
| June | 102.5 | 105.4 | 94.0 | 94.0 | 68.7 | 93.2 | 68.4 | 68.5 | 75.2 | 60.4 |
| July | 99.8 | 100.6 | 96.0 | 96.0 | 49.7 | 53.6 | 47.4 | 38.0 | 56.8 | 58.5 |

DRY GOODS

| Year and Month | GROCERIES | | | | | | FRUITS AND VEGETABLES | | | |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|------------------|-----------------------|--------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | Maritimes & Quebec | | | Western Provinces |
| | | | | | | | CANADA | Quebec | Ontario | |
| July, 1935 | 102.0 | 101.3 | 86.1 | 109.3 | 113.6 | 91.7 | 87.2 | 80.2 | 93.0 | 86.1 |
| July, 1936 | 112.1 | 115.7 | 89.5 | 114.2 | 129.8 | 106.9 | 103.2 | 93.3 | 121.5 | 95.7 |
| July, 1937 | 119.1 | 126.5 | 90.9 | 116.5 | 136.8 | 128.5 | 102.0 | 97.6 | 111.8 | 97.6 |
| July, 1938 | 110.0 | 120.0 | 84.5 | 108.2 | 125.7 | 116.5 | 98.1 | 76.0 | 100.5 | 104.1 |
| 1937 - August | 111.4 | 115.3 | 86.9 | 106.7 | 130.7 | 117.8 | 90.2 | 81.9 | 94.0 | 93.5 |
| September | 123.3 | 129.7 | 109.2 | 115.7 | 146.2 | 117.1 | 102.3 | 126.8 | 90.3 | 102.8 |
| October | 117.5 | 126.9 | 119.2 | 111.6 | 125.9 | 114.4 | 88.9 | 88.5 | 91.8 | 89.4 |
| November | 111.8 | 124.3 | 113.2 | 103.2 | 119.0 | 114.2 | 79.9 | 74.8 | 85.0 | 78.4 |
| December | 99.7 | 114.7 | 86.1 | 100.7 | 107.8 | 98.6 | 87.1 | 88.6 | 97.8 | 76.7 |
| 1938 - January | 82.1 | 93.4 | 55.6 | 83.9 | 93.2 | 87.8 | 66.3 | 70.6 | 78.7 | 50.9 |
| February | 83.3 | 89.0 | 64.2 | 82.8 | 93.2 | 90.2 | 70.1 | 86.2 | 85.4 | 49.4 |
| March | 97.4 | 106.9 | 79.2 | 93.9 | 109.3 | 105.0 | 85.7 | 95.9 | 100.6 | 65.5 |
| April | 93.5 | 97.9 | 73.2 | 93.4 | 104.4 | 100.2 | 96.3 | 104.4 | 112.6 | 72.1 |
| May | 102.3 | 116.5 | 84.7 | 99.8 | 110.6 | 112.7 | 109.1 | 120.8 | 127.6 | 83.7 |
| June | 113.1 | 120.2 | 91.2 | 115.0 | 122.2 | 120.9 | 117.5 | 136.4 | 123.0 | 100.0 |
| July | 110.0 | 120.0 | 84.5 | 108.2 | 125.7 | 116.5 | 98.1 | 76.0 | 100.5 | 104.1 |

| Year and Month | HARDWARE | | | | TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY | | | | |
|----------------------|----------|-----------|--------|---------|---------------------------|--------|--------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces | CANADA | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| July, 1935 | 79.4 | 74.7 | 75.4 | 77.8 | 85.6 | 91.4 | 88.1 | 99.1 | 84.3 |
| July, 1936 | 86.3 | 75.7 | 84.2 | 80.8 | 94.2 | 93.6 | 90.9 | 101.1 | 85.7 |
| July, 1937 | 102.3 | 92.7 | 106.8 | 97.1 | 107.8 | 110.3 | 118.1 | 112.4 | 92.6 |
| July, 1938 | 94.0 | 81.9 | 92.4 | 82.0 | 103.7 | 107.4 | 114.3 | 110.3 | 90.4 |
| 1937 - August | 102.0 | 81.7 | 106.5 | 83.4 | 113.1 | 104.0 | 105.4 | 108.9 | 92.5 |
| September | 116.2 | 106.5 | 123.9 | 102.3 | 124.8 | 99.4 | 92.1 | 107.2 | 96.0 |
| October | 111.4 | 103.0 | 116.3 | 104.1 | 117.9 | 101.2 | 95.2 | 106.2 | 97.1 |
| November | 96.8 | 84.5 | 98.6 | 90.5 | 103.7 | 99.1 | 93.2 | 103.4 | 99.0 |
| December | 83.1 | 64.7 | 85.9 | 85.3 | 87.2 | 110.3 | 108.0 | 115.0 | 106.1 |
| 1938 - January | 61.3 | 47.8 | 66.2 | 62.6 | 63.0 | 82.3 | 86.5 | 82.5 | 72.7 |
| February | 64.5 | 51.2 | 63.9 | 60.6 | 69.2 | 85.3 | 92.6 | 84.3 | 74.0 |
| March | 90.8 | 78.8 | 82.3 | 82.2 | 101.1 | 99.1 | 106.6 | 98.7 | 85.7 |
| April | 100.0 | 91.7 | 101.3 | 95.5 | 106.4 | 103.8 | 113.7 | 102.0 | 88.3 |
| May | 106.3 | 87.9 | 112.3 | 100.8 | 113.0 | 109.7 | 123.4 | 108.4 | 90.1 |
| June | 108.5 | 89.4 | 108.0 | 106.7 | 116.1 | 120.7 | 144.0 | 112.1 | 97.8 |
| July | 94.0 | 81.9 | 92.4 | 82.0 | 103.7 | 107.4 | 114.3 | 110.3 | 90.4 |



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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, AUGUST 1938

In August wholesale sales in Canada recovered most of the loss experienced in July, their dollar value being approximately 9 per cent greater than the previous month. For the first time this year wholesale sales were equal to those of the corresponding month in 1937. This is noteworthy in view of the fact that the decline of over 7 per cent in July from July of last year was greater than that recorded for any month since the commencement of this monthly survey three years ago. Corresponding month comparisons for this year over last showed a decrease of 2.6 per cent in January, 2.8 per cent in February, 8 per cent in March, 5.3 per cent in April, 1.0 per cent in May, 0.1 per cent in June and 7.6 per cent in July. The index of wholesale sales which was calculated from the reports of some 200 firms operating in nine different lines of trade throughout the Dominion stands at 98.2 for August (on the base 1930 equals 100) as compared with 90.0 for July, 100.1 for June and 98.2 for August of last year.

Whereas in July decreases from 1937 were registered in all lines of trade except the automotive group, in August five groups showed increases. The automotive trade showed an increase of 17.6 per cent over August 1937, drugs 4.4 per cent, groceries 2.3 per cent, tobacco and confectionery 1.2 per cent and hardware 0.4 per cent. On the other hand, the dry goods trade was down 13.1 per cent as compared with August 1937; the footwear trade was down 10.6 per cent for the same period; clothing was down 10.3 per cent and fruits and vegetables 1.7 per cent. Wholesale sales of the tobacco and confectionery trade in 1938 have been above those of 1937 every month with the exception of July in which there was a decline of 2.8 per cent from the sales of the corresponding month in the previous year. The automotive trade has also been fairly regular in registering increases, having shown increases in only two months of the current year. On the other hand, the clothing, footwear and dry goods trades have been consistently down from 1937 while hardware showed an increase in August for the first time this year.

Although the combined wholesale sales for Canada remained the same as August 1937 there was considerable variation in the sales of the different economic divisions in the country. The Prairies showed an increase of 7.2 per cent over August 1937, and British Columbia an increase of 1.2 per cent, while Quebec wholesale sales declined 8.2 per cent, the Maritimes declined 2.5 per cent and Ontario declined 1.7 per cent. Quebec wholesale sales in 1938 have up to date been less than those of every corresponding month in 1937. The Maritimes sales which at the beginning of the year showed increases over 1937 have declined while the wholesale sales of the Prairies and British Columbia showed increases in June as well as in August.

The inventory value on August 31 for all lines of trade combined was 6.1 per cent lower than the stock value on the same date last year. The value of stocks on hand in the hardware trade was down 12.9 per cent, as compared with 15.0 per cent the previous month. The value of stocks on hand in the dry goods trade was down 9.6 per cent; groceries 5.2 per cent; fruits and vegetables 2.0 per cent. In the footwear trade inventory values were 10.0 per cent greater than at the end of July 1937. Tobacco and confectionery was up 8.3 per cent; clothing 5.4 per cent and drugs 0.1 per cent.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

| | Percentage change, 1938 compared with 1937 | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | Sales | | Inventory |
| | (1) | (2) | |
| | July, 1938 July, 1937 | August, 1938 August, 1937 | August, 1938 August, 1937 |
| Automotive Equipment | +15.3 | +17.6 | + 1.3 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | +16.2 | - 7.3 | - |
| Ontario | - 5.6 | - 0.5 | - |
| Western Provinces | +28.8 | +33.8 | - |
| Drugs | - 1.9 | + 4.4 | + 0.1 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario | - 5.1 | + 1.4 | - |
| Western Provinces | + 8.1 | +13.3 | - |
| Everything | -23.2 | -10.3 | + 5.4 |
| Quebec | -20.5 | - 7.4 | - |
| Ontario and Western Provinces | -25.6 | -11.9 | - |
| Footwear | -12.2 | -10.6 | +10.0 |
| Quebec | -14.4 | -14.8 | - |
| Ontario | - 7.1 | + 0.4 | - |
| Food Goods | -20.6 | -13.1 | - 9.6 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | -28.5 | -18.2 | - |
| Ontario | -12.1 | -13.1 | - |
| Western Provinces | -17.1 | - 6.3 | - |
| Fruits and Vegetables | - 6.3 | - 1.7 | - 2.0 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | -22.1 | -13.7 | - |
| Ontario | -10.1 | - 2.5 | - |
| Western Provinces | + 1.4 | + 2.2 | - |
| Dairy Products | - 7.5 | + 2.3 | - 5.2 |
| Maritimes | - 5.2 | + 1.5 | - |
| Quebec | - 7.0 | - 5.3 | - |
| Ontario | - 6.8 | + 1.0 | - |
| Prairies | - 8.1 | + 3.8 | - |
| British Columbia | - 9.3 | + 8.4 | - |
| Hardware | - 9.1 | + 0.4 | -12.9 |
| Maritimes | -11.6 | + 1.5 | - |
| Quebec | -16.2 | - 7.4 | - |
| Ontario | -15.6 | - 9.6 | - |
| Western Provinces | - 3.8 | + 6.0 | - |
| Tobacco and Confectionery | - 2.8 | + 1.2 | + 8.3 |
| Quebec | - 3.9 | - 2.5 | - |
| Ontario | - 1.5 | + 3.0 | - |
| Western Provinces | - 2.4 | + 5.6 | - |
| Wholesale Trade-- | | | |
| Maritimes | - 8.1 | - 2.5 | - |
| Quebec | -12.7 | - 8.2 | - |
| Ontario | - 8.0 | - 1.7 | - |
| Prairies | - 1.6 | + 7.2 | - |
| British Columbia | -11.5 | + 1.2 | - |
| CANADA | - 7.6 | (x) | - 6.1 |

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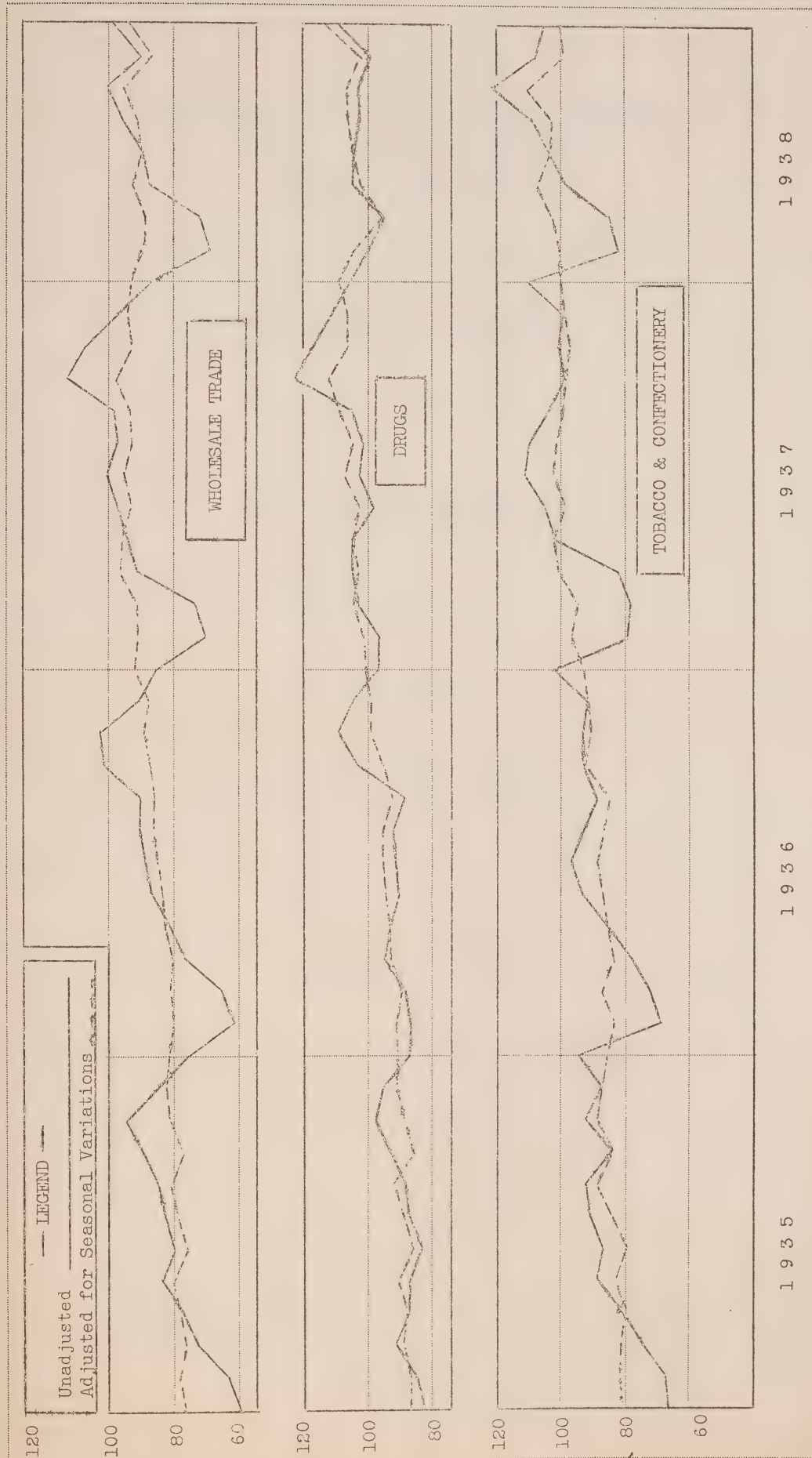
| Year and Month | WHOLESALE TRADE | | | | | | AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| August, 1935 | 84.8 | 82.1 | 75.9 | 86.2 | 87.1 | 87.4 | 92.9 | 70.5 | 88.9 | 107.8 |
| August, 1936 | 90.1 | 87.8 | 77.9 | 89.3 | 96.9 | 92.6 | 101.7 | 67.9 | 95.5 | 124.1 |
| August, 1937 | 98.2 | 100.6 | 92.3 | 96.2 | 95.9 | 110.6 | 109.0 | 98.0 | 109.3 | 112.2 |
| August, 1938 | 98.2 | 98.3 | 84.7 | 95.2 | 102.8 | 111.9 | 125.3 | 90.8 | 108.3 | 150.1 |
| 1937 - September | 113.3 | 123.6 | 118.9 | 109.2 | 108.5 | 112.4 | 143.1 | 116.7 | 158.2 | 150.1 |
| October | 107.4 | 116.7 | 116.4 | 105.6 | 97.5 | 108.5 | 134.4 | 101.6 | 160.4 | 137.1 |
| November | 96.6 | 108.0 | 96.9 | 94.9 | 88.6 | 104.2 | 104.9 | 88.0 | 114.9 | 107.7 |
| December | 86.9 | 97.3 | 85.7 | 92.3 | 74.2 | 96.2 | 85.2 | 92.7 | 101.5 | 80.9 |
| 1938 - January | 68.3 | 74.6 | 60.9 | 74.9 | 60.1 | 78.3 | 64.4 | 53.1 | 74.2 | 63.1 |
| February | 71.7 | 73.6 | 70.6 | 76.6 | 61.8 | 80.6 | 60.6 | 52.9 | 70.9 | 57.0 |
| March | 87.8 | 93.1 | 83.4 | 90.2 | 77.9 | 98.1 | 78.5 | 66.6 | 92.1 | 76.5 |
| April | 89.4 | 94.6 | 90.6 | 93.7 | 78.4 | 95.9 | 99.5 | 89.0 | 109.1 | 99.8 |
| May | 95.5 | 103.9 | 97.1 | 99.8 | 81.5 | 107.9 | 103.6 | 102.7 | 114.2 | 99.2 |
| June | 100.1 | 104.5 | 97.7 | 104.7 | 89.3 | 111.6 | 100.2 | 79.1 | 106.3 | 104.0 |
| July | 90.0 | 98.6 | 76.4 | 91.5 | 89.5 | 103.4 | 103.7 | 93.7 | 103.2 | 107.3 |
| August | 98.2 | 98.3 | 84.7 | 95.2 | 102.8 | 111.9 | 125.8 | 90.8 | 108.8 | 150.1 |

| Year and Month | DRUGS | | | | CLOTHING | | FOOTWEAR | | DRY GOODS | | | |
|------------------------|--------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------|----------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|-----------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes Que. & Ont. | Western Provinces | Ontario | CANADA | Western Provinces | CANADA | Western Provinces | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| August, 1935 | 88.3 | 90.0 | 83.8 | 86.1 | 82.4 | 83.8 | 72.8 | 97.0 | 74.6 | 59.6 | 74.6 | 97.0 |
| August, 1936 | 88.6 | 89.5 | 85.9 | 97.9 | 95.1 | 85.9 | 74.6 | 100.6 | 72.6 | 62.9 | 72.6 | 100.6 |
| August, 1937 | 104.8 | 109.1 | 93.4 | 113.0 | 117.2 | 93.4 | 88.2 | 110.9 | 88.9 | 76.5 | 88.9 | 110.9 |
| August, 1938 | 109.4 | 110.6 | 105.6 | 101.4 | 104.8 | 105.6 | 76.6 | 103.9 | 77.3 | 62.6 | 77.3 | 103.9 |
| 1937 - September | 122.2 | 130.2 | 100.6 | 147.1 | 160.2 | 100.6 | 118.8 | 127.5 | 117.2 | 115.9 | 117.2 | 127.5 |
| October | 116.9 | 123.1 | 100.3 | 142.8 | 159.5 | 100.3 | 112.5 | 121.5 | 107.1 | 111.9 | 107.1 | 121.5 |
| November | 111.4 | 116.3 | 98.1 | 110.9 | 93.7 | 98.1 | 92.6 | 108.2 | 95.4 | 83.3 | 95.4 | 108.2 |
| December | 104.4 | 110.3 | 89.1 | 84.0 | 96.8 | 89.1 | 66.8 | 62.6 | 73.5 | 64.5 | 73.5 | 62.6 |
| 1938 - January | 99.0 | 103.3 | 87.2 | 41.9 | 38.3 | 87.2 | 49.2 | 46.2 | 65.0 | 40.5 | 65.0 | 46.2 |
| February | 94.6 | 97.1 | 88.3 | 60.5 | 61.4 | 88.3 | 62.6 | 60.7 | 73.9 | 56.2 | 73.9 | 60.7 |
| March | 104.8 | 106.8 | 99.7 | 87.9 | 99.6 | 99.7 | 80.9 | 80.8 | 86.6 | 77.7 | 86.6 | 80.8 |
| April | 104.2 | 107.7 | 94.1 | 86.1 | 104.0 | 94.1 | 78.2 | 69.6 | 77.9 | 83.0 | 77.9 | 69.6 |
| May | 102.3 | 106.3 | 91.2 | 79.4 | 101.8 | 91.2 | 77.0 | 68.4 | 80.8 | 78.6 | 80.8 | 68.4 |
| June | 102.5 | 105.4 | 94.0 | 68.7 | 93.2 | 94.0 | 68.7 | 60.4 | 75.9 | 68.5 | 75.9 | 60.4 |
| July | 99.9 | 101.1 | 96.0 | 48.5 | 53.6 | 96.0 | 47.3 | 58.5 | 54.1 | 38.0 | 54.1 | 58.5 |
| August | 109.4 | 110.6 | 105.8 | 10.4 | 104.8 | 105.8 | 76.6 | 103.9 | 77.3 | 62.6 | 77.3 | 103.9 |

| Year and Month | GROCERIES | | | | | | FRUITS AND VEGETABLES | | | |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| August, 1935 | 100.1 | 93.9 | 82.2 | 100.4 | 116.5 | 95.6 | 77.9 | 65.0 | 83.7 | 80.9 |
| August, 1936 | 106.1 | 103.0 | 81.5 | 103.7 | 130.7 | 101.3 | 89.0 | 68.6 | 92.6 | 97.2 |
| August, 1937 | 111.4 | 115.3 | 86.9 | 106.7 | 130.7 | 117.8 | 90.2 | 81.9 | 94.0 | 93.5 |
| August, 1938 | 114.0 | 117.0 | 82.3 | 107.8 | 135.7 | 127.7 | 88.7 | 70.7 | 91.7 | 95.6 |
| 1937 - September | 123.3 | 129.7 | 109.2 | 115.7 | 146.2 | 117.1 | 102.3 | 126.6 | 90.3 | 102.6 |
| October | 117.5 | 126.9 | 119.2 | 111.6 | 125.9 | 114.4 | 88.9 | 88.5 | 91.6 | 89.4 |
| November | 111.6 | 124.3 | 113.2 | 103.2 | 119.0 | 114.2 | 79.9 | 74.8 | 85.0 | 78.4 |
| December | 99.7 | 114.7 | 86.1 | 100.7 | 107.6 | 98.6 | 87.1 | 88.6 | 97.6 | 76.7 |
| 1938 - January | 82.1 | 93.4 | 55.6 | 83.9 | 93.2 | 87.6 | 66.3 | 70.6 | 78.7 | 50.9 |
| February | 83.3 | 89.0 | 64.2 | 82.6 | 93.2 | 90.2 | 70.1 | 86.2 | 85.4 | 49.4 |
| March | 97.4 | 106.9 | 79.2 | 93.9 | 109.3 | 105.0 | 85.7 | 95.9 | 100.6 | 65.5 |
| April | 93.5 | 97.9 | 73.2 | 93.4 | 104.4 | 100.2 | 96.3 | 104.4 | 112.6 | 72.1 |
| May | 102.3 | 116.5 | 84.7 | 99.6 | 110.6 | 112.7 | 109.1 | 120.6 | 127.6 | 83.7 |
| June | 112.9 | 120.2 | 91.2 | 114.5 | 122.2 | 120.9 | 117.2 | 136.4 | 123.0 | 99.3 |
| July | 110.2 | 119.9 | 84.5 | 108.6 | 125.7 | 116.5 | 95.6 | 76.0 | 100.5 | 99.0 |
| August | 114.0 | 117.0 | 82.3 | 107.8 | 135.7 | 127.7 | 83.7 | 70.7 | 91.7 | 95.6 |

| Year and Month | HARDWARE | | | | TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY | | | | |
|------------------------|----------|-----------|--------|---------|---------------------------|--------|--------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces | CANADA | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| August, 1935 | 82.6 | 70.3 | 77.6 | 65.7 | 95.7 | 92.6 | 69.2 | 99.1 | 87.1 |
| August, 1936 | 88.2 | 75.9 | 81.9 | 70.6 | 101.8 | 88.8 | 82.9 | 94.7 | 87.8 |
| August, 1937 | 102.0 | 81.7 | 106.5 | 83.4 | 113.1 | 104.0 | 105.4 | 100.9 | 92.5 |
| August, 1938 | 102.4 | 82.9 | 96.6 | 75.4 | 119.9 | 105.2 | 102.8 | 112.2 | 97.7 |
| 1937 - September | 116.2 | 106.5 | 123.9 | 102.3 | 124.8 | 99.4 | 92.1 | 107.2 | 96.0 |
| October | 111.4 | 103.0 | 116.3 | 104.1 | 117.9 | 101.2 | 95.2 | 106.2 | 97.1 |
| November | 96.6 | 84.5 | 96.6 | 90.5 | 103.7 | 99.1 | 93.2 | 103.4 | 99.0 |
| December | 83.1 | 64.7 | 85.9 | 85.3 | 87.2 | 110.3 | 106.0 | 115.0 | 106.1 |
| 1938 - January | 61.3 | 47.8 | 66.2 | 62.6 | 63.0 | 82.3 | 86.5 | 82.5 | 72.7 |
| February | 64.5 | 51.2 | 63.9 | 60.6 | 69.2 | 85.3 | 92.6 | 84.3 | 74.0 |
| March | 90.8 | 76.6 | 82.3 | 82.2 | 101.1 | 99.1 | 106.6 | 98.7 | 85.7 |
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1444 | 1445 | 1446 | 1447 | 1448 | 1449 | 1450 | 1451 | 1452 | 1453 | 1454 | 1455 | 1456 | 1457 | 1458 | 1459 | 1460 | 1461 | 1462 | 1463 | 1464 | 1465 | 1466 | 1467 | 1468 | 1469 | 1470 | 1471 | 1472 | 1473 | 1474 | 1475 | 1476 | 1477 | 1478 | 1479 | 1480 | 1481 | 1482 | 1483 | 1484 | 1485 | 1486 | 1487 | 1488 | 1489 | 1490 | 1491 | 1492 | 1493 | 1494 | 1495 | 14 |
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Wholesale sales in Canada gained 8.6 per cent in September over August but were 5.9 per cent lower than the amount recorded for September, 1937, according to reports received through the co-operation of some 200 wholesale firms comprising nine different lines of trade. August has been the only month in 1938 for which wholesale sales have equalled those of the corresponding month in 1937. Corresponding month comparisons for this year over last showed a decrease of 2.6 per cent in January, 2.8 per cent in February, 3.8 per cent in March, 5.3 per cent in April, 1.0 per cent in May, 0.1 per cent in June, 7.6 per cent in July; no change in August and a decrease of 5.9 per cent in September. The index of wholesale sales, calculated in the basis of the reports of some 200 firms operating in nine different lines of trade throughout the Dominion stood at 106.6 for September (on the base 1930 equals 100) as compared with 98.2 for August, 101.1 for July and 113.3 for September last year.

Many lines of trade which had shown improvement in August recorded declining sales in September as compared with September 1937. The automotive trade and tobacco and confectionery were the only two to show increases throughout the Dominion. In the case of the former the Dominion increase was 6.0 per cent, due to a 10.9 per cent increase in the Western provinces and an increase of 1.9 per cent in Ontario. It will be noted that these increases were partially offset by a decrease of 1.2 per cent in the wholesale sales of the Maritime provinces and Quebec. Wholesale sales of tobacco and confectionery in September were up 3.9 per cent as compared with September 1937. This improvement was general, the increase being 6.0 per cent in the Western Provinces, 5.3 per cent in Quebec and 0.3 per cent in Ontario. With the exception of an increase in the wholesale sale of drugs in the Western Provinces decreases were general for all other lines of trade for which reports are available. Sales of clothing for Canada were down 7.4 per cent as compared with September 1937; footwear was down 12.0 per cent; dry goods 14.4 per cent; fruits and vegetables 5.8 per cent; groceries 6.2 per cent; hardware 4.7 per cent and drugs 1.0 per cent. Every section of the Dominion contributed to these declines.

Wholesale sales of the Maritime Provinces in September were 11.9 per cent below those of the corresponding month in the previous year. Quebec sales were down 10.4 per cent; Ontario 4.4 per cent; the Prairie Provinces 2.2 per cent and British Columbia 6.9 per cent.

The inventory value on September 30th for all lines of trade combined was 0.3 per cent below the stock value of the same date last year. The value of stocks on hand in the dry goods trade was down 11.9 per cent as compared with 9.3 per cent the previous month. The decline in the value of stocks on hand in the hardware trade was 10.0 per cent; groceries 9.0 per cent; fruits and vegetables 5.4 per cent; automotive equipment 4.0 per cent; tobacco and confectionery 2.4 per cent and drugs 1.9 per cent.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

| | Percentage Change, 1938, Compared with 1937. | | | |
|---------------------------------|--|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| | SALES | | | |
| | (1) | (2) | Third | Inventory |
| | Aug., 1938 Aug., 1937 | Sept., 1938 Sept., 1937 | Quarter, 1938 Third Quarter, 1937 | Sept., 1938 Sept., 1937 |
| Automotive Equipment | + 15.9 | + 6.0 | + 11.2 | - 4.0 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 7.8 | - 1.2 | - 0.4 | |
| Ontario | + 1.1 | + 1.9 | - 1.0 | |
| Western Provinces | + 33.8 | + 10.9 | + 22.7 | |
| Drugs | + 4.2 | - 1.0 | + 0.4 | - 1.9 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario | + 1.3 | - 3.1 | - 2.3 | |
| Western Provinces | + 12.8 | + 5.8 | + 8.8 | |
| Clothing | - 10.3 | - 7.4 | - 11.5 | + 5.2 |
| Quebec | - 7.4 | - 9.2 | - 11.6 | |
| Ontario and Western Provinces | - 11.9 | - 5.5 | - 7.7 | |
| Footwear | - 10.6 | - 12.0 | - 11.6 | + 10.3 |
| Quebec | - 14.8 | - 13.9 | - 14.3 | |
| Ontario | + 0.4 | - 8.2 | - 5.4 | |
| Dry Goods | - 13.1 | - 14.4 | - 15.4 | - 11.9 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 18.2 | - 16.1 | - 19.4 | |
| Ontario | - 13.0 | - 12.8 | - 12.7 | |
| Western Provinces | - 6.3 | - 13.2 | - 11.6 | |
| Fruits and Vegetables | - 2.0 | - 5.8 | - 4.8 | - 5.4 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 12.5 | - 17.0 | - 16.9 | |
| Ontario | - 2.5 | - 7.6 | - 6.9 | |
| Western Provinces | + 2.2 | - 2.0 | + 0.5 | |
| Groceries | + 2.4 | - 6.2 | - 3.9 | - 9.0 |
| Maritimes | + 1.5 | - 8.0 | - 4.1 | |
| Quebec | - 5.3 | - 14.9 | - 9.5 | |
| Ontario | + 1.0 | - 2.6 | - 2.9 | |
| Prairies | + 4.1 | - 6.5 | - 3.5 | |
| British Columbia | + 8.4 | - 1.9 | - 1.2 | |
| Hardware | + 0.2 | - 4.7 | - 4.5 | - 10.0 |
| Maritimes | - 1.8 | - 17.2 | - 10.9 | |
| Quebec | - 7.4 | - 4.4 | - 9.1 | |
| Ontario | - 9.6 | - 6.7 | - 10.6 | |
| Western Provinces | + 6.0 | - 2.7 | - 0.2 | |
| Tobacco and Confectionery | + 1.5 | + 3.9 | + 0.8 | - 2.4 |
| Quebec | - 2.5 | + 5.3 | - 0.7 | |
| Ontario | + 3.6 | + 0.3 | + 0.8 | |
| Western Provinces | + 5.6 | + 6.0 | + 3.1 | |
| Wholesale Trade -- | | | | |
| Maritimes | - 2.6 | - 11.9 | - 7.7 | |
| Quebec | - 8.2 | - 10.4 | - 10.4 | |
| Ontario | - 1.6 | - 4.4 | - 4.7 | |
| Prairies | + 7.3 | - 2.2 | + 1.2 | |
| British Columbia | + 1.2 | - 6.9 | - 5.9 | |
| CANADA | (X) | - 5.9 | - 4.5 | - 8.3 |

- 1) Revised
2) Preliminary
X) Unchanged.

| Year and Month | WHOLESALE TRADE | | | | | AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|----------------------|--------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| September, 1935 | 89.6 | 92.5 | 93.0 | 88.8 | 86.9 | 84.1 | 107.8 | 74.8 | 102.3 | 128.9 |
| September, 1936 | 101.2 | 105.9 | 101.2 | 97.9 | 102.5 | 95.9 | 128.7 | 84.8 | 122.7 | 155.7 |
| September, 1937 | 113.3 | 123.6 | 118.9 | 109.2 | 108.5 | 112.4 | 143.1 | 116.7 | 158.2 | 150.1 |
| September, 1938 | 106.6 | 108.9 | 106.5 | 104.4 | 106.1 | 104.6 | 151.7 | 115.3 | 161.2 | 166.5 |
| 1937 - October | 107.4 | 116.7 | 116.4 | 105.6 | 97.5 | 108.5 | 134.4 | 101.6 | 160.4 | 137.1 |
| November | 96.6 | 108.0 | 98.9 | 94.9 | 88.6 | 104.2 | 104.9 | 88.0 | 114.9 | 107.7 |
| December | 86.9 | 97.3 | 85.7 | 92.3 | 74.2 | 96.2 | 85.2 | 92.7 | 101.5 | 80.9 |
| 1938 - January | 68.3 | 74.6 | 60.9 | 74.9 | 60.1 | 78.3 | 64.4 | 53.1 | 74.2 | 63.1 |
| February | 71.7 | 73.6 | 70.6 | 76.6 | 61.8 | 80.6 | 60.6 | 52.9 | 70.9 | 57.0 |
| March | 87.8 | 93.1 | 88.4 | 90.2 | 77.9 | 98.1 | 78.5 | 66.6 | 92.1 | 76.5 |
| April | 89.4 | 94.6 | 90.6 | 93.7 | 78.4 | 95.9 | 99.5 | 89.0 | 109.1 | 99.8 |
| May | 95.5 | 103.9 | 97.1 | 99.8 | 81.5 | 107.9 | 103.6 | 102.7 | 114.2 | 99.2 |
| June | 100.1 | 104.5 | 97.7 | 104.7 | 89.3 | 111.6 | 100.2 | 79.1 | 108.3 | 104.0 |
| July | 90.1 | 98.9 | 76.3 | 91.5 | 89.8 | 103.4 | 102.3 | 88.1 | 103.2 | 107.3 |
| August | 98.2 | 98.2 | 84.7 | 95.3 | 102.9 | 111.9 | 124.0 | 90.8 | 108.8 | 150.1 |
| September | 106.6 | 108.9 | 106.5 | 104.4 | 106.1 | 104.6 | 151.7 | 115.3 | 161.2 | 166.5 |

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| Year and Month | DRUGS | | Western Provinces | CLOTHING | FOOTWEAR | | DRY GOODS | | |
|-----------------|--------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------|----------|--------|-----------|--------------------|---------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes Que. & Ont. | | | CANADA | CANADA | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario |
| September, 1935 | 93.5 | 97.7 | 82.3 | 134.2 | 101.9 | 97.8 | 96.6 | 102.5 | 94.5 |
| September, 1936 | 103.7 | 107.0 | 94.7 | 138.6 | 129.0 | 107.2 | 99.5 | 104.9 | 126.5 |
| September, 1937 | 122.2 | 130.2 | 100.8 | 147.1 | 160.2 | 118.8 | 115.9 | 117.2 | 127.5 |
| September, 1938 | 121.0 | 126.2 | 106.6 | 136.2 | 141.0 | 101.7 | 97.2 | 102.2 | 110.7 |
| 1937 - October | 116.9 | 123.1 | 100.3 | 142.8 | 159.5 | 112.5 | 111.9 | 107.1 | 121.5 |
| November | 111.4 | 116.3 | 98.1 | 110.9 | 93.7 | 92.6 | 83.3 | 95.4 | 108.2 |
| December | 104.4 | 110.3 | 89.1 | 84.0 | 96.8 | 66.8 | 64.5 | 73.5 | 62.6 |
| 1938 - January | 99.0 | 103.3 | 87.2 | 41.9 | 38.3 | 49.2 | 40.5 | 65.0 | 46.2 |
| February | 94.6 | 97.1 | 88.3 | 60.5 | 61.4 | 62.6 | 56.2 | 73.9 | 60.7 |
| March | 104.8 | 106.8 | 99.7 | 87.9 | 99.6 | 80.9 | 77.7 | 86.6 | 80.8 |
| April | 104.2 | 107.7 | 94.1 | 86.1 | 104.0 | 78.2 | 83.0 | 77.9 | 69.6 |
| May | 102.3 | 106.3 | 91.2 | 79.4 | 101.8 | 77.0 | 78.6 | 80.8 | 68.4 |
| June | 102.5 | 105.4 | 94.0 | 68.7 | 93.2 | 68.7 | 68.5 | 75.9 | 60.4 |
| July | 99.9 | 101.1 | 96.0 | 48.5 | 53.6 | 47.3 | 38.0 | 54.1 | 58.5 |
| August | 109.2 | 110.5 | 105.4 | 101.4 | 104.8 | 76.6 | 62.6 | 77.3 | 103.9 |
| September | 121.0 | 126.2 | 106.6 | 136.2 | 141.0 | 101.7 | 97.2 | 102.2 | 110.7 |

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| Year and Month | Western Provinces | | | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|
| | Manitoba | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies |
| September, 1935 | 99.9 | 97.0 | 88.9 | 100.9 | 114.7 |
| September, 1936 | 110.0 | 112.2 | 95.4 | 107.6 | 129.8 |
| September, 1937 | 123.3 | 129.7 | 109.2 | 115.7 | 146.2 |
| September, 1938 | 115.7 | 119.3 | 92.9 | 112.7 | 136.7 |
| 1937 - October | 117.5 | 126.9 | 119.2 | 111.6 | 125.9 |
| November | 111.8 | 124.3 | 113.2 | 103.2 | 119.0 |
| December | 99.7 | 114.7 | 86.1 | 100.7 | 107.8 |
| 1938 - January | 82.1 | 93.4 | 55.6 | 83.9 | 93.2 |
| February | 83.3 | 89.0 | 64.2 | 82.8 | 93.2 |
| March | 97.4 | 106.9 | 79.2 | 93.9 | 109.3 |
| April | 93.5 | 97.9 | 73.2 | 93.4 | 104.4 |
| May | 102.3 | 116.5 | 84.7 | 99.8 | 110.6 |
| June | 112.9 | 120.2 | 91.2 | 114.5 | 122.2 |
| July | 110.3 | 119.9 | 84.5 | 108.6 | 126.5 |
| August | 114.1 | 117.0 | 82.3 | 107.8 | 136.1 |
| September | 115.7 | 119.3 | 92.9 | 112.7 | 136.7 |

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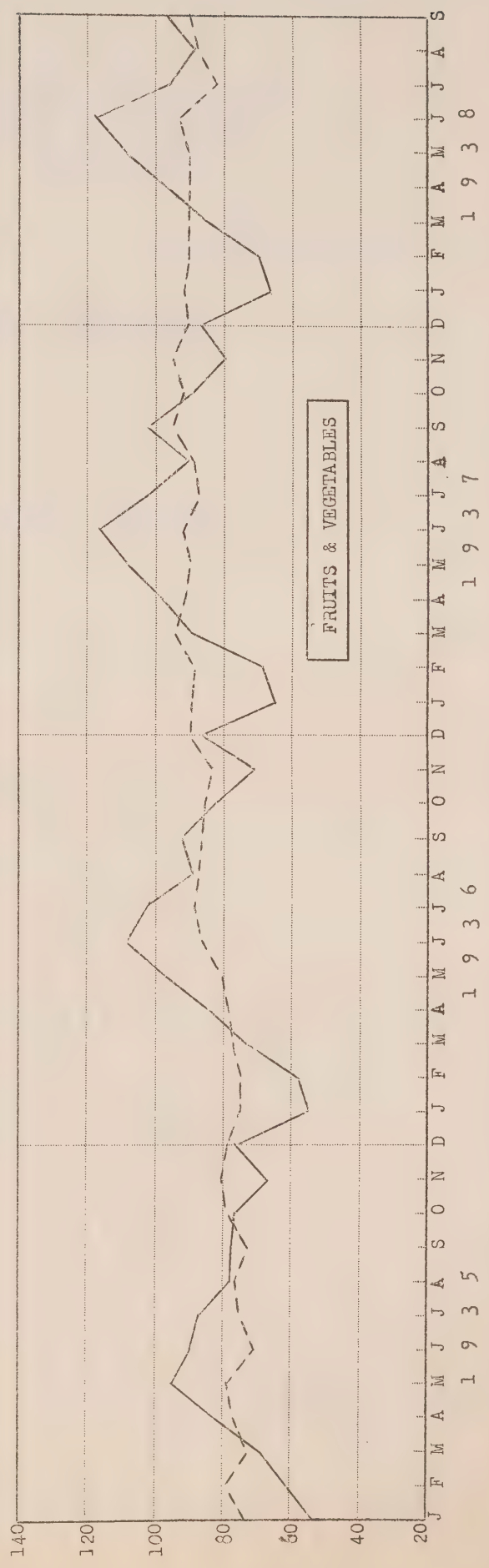
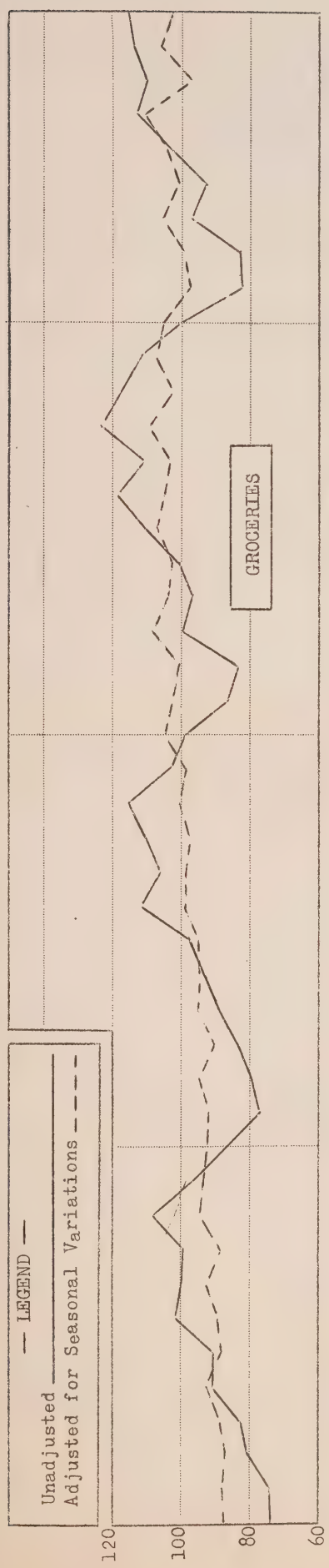
| Year and Month | Western Provinces | | | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|
| | Manitoba | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies |
| September, 1935 | 85.8 | 76.7 | 56.7 | 73.6 | 95.3 |
| September, 1936 | 103.5 | 93.8 | 100.0 | 87.0 | 116.7 |
| September, 1937 | 116.2 | 106.5 | 123.9 | 102.3 | 124.8 |
| September, 1938 | 110.7 | 88.2 | 118.4 | 95.4 | 121.4 |
| 1937 - October | 111.4 | 101.0 | 116.3 | 104.1 | 117.9 |
| November | 96.8 | 84.5 | 98.6 | 90.5 | 103.7 |
| December | 83.1 | 64.7 | 85.9 | 85.3 | 87.2 |
| 1938 - January | 61.3 | 47.8 | 66.2 | 62.6 | 63.0 |
| February | 64.5 | 51.2 | 63.9 | 60.6 | 69.2 |
| March | 90.8 | 78.8 | 82.3 | 82.2 | 101.1 |
| April | 100.0 | 91.7 | 101.3 | 95.5 | 106.4 |
| May | 106.3 | 87.9 | 112.3 | 100.8 | 113.0 |
| June | 108.1 | 89.4 | 107.0 | 106.7 | 116.1 |
| July | 93.0 | 81.9 | 89.5 | 82.0 | 103.7 |
| August | 102.4 | 80.2 | 98.6 | 75.4 | 119.9 |
| September | 110.7 | 86.2 | 113.4 | 95.4 | 121.4 |

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| Year and Month | Western Provinces | | | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|
| | Manitoba | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies |
| September, 1935 | 85.8 | 76.7 | 56.7 | 73.6 | 95.3 |
| September, 1936 | 103.5 | 93.8 | 100.0 | 87.0 | 116.7 |
| September, 1937 | 116.2 | 106.5 | 123.9 | 102.3 | 124.8 |
| September, 1938 | 110.7 | 88.2 | 118.4 | 95.4 | 121.4 |
| 1937 - October | 111.4 | 101.0 | 116.3 | 104.1 | 117.9 |
| November | 96.8 | 84.5 | 98.6 | 90.5 | 103.7 |
| December | 83.1 | 64.7 | 85.9 | 85.3 | 87.2 |
| 1938 - January | 61.3 | 47.8 | 66.2 | 62.6 | 63.0 |
| February | 64.5 | 51.2 | 63.9 | 60.6 | 69.2 |
| March | 90.8 | 78.8 | 82.3 | 82.2 | 101.1 |
| April | 100.0 | 91.7 | 101.3 | 95.5 | 106.4 |
| May | 106.3 | 87.9 | 112.3 | 100.8 | 113.0 |
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(All sales indexes are on the base 1930 equals 100)

Dollar value of wholesale sales in Canada in October was down 8.2 per cent from September and was 8.8 per cent lower than in October, 1937, according to reports received from some 200 wholesale firms representative of nine different lines of trade throughout Canada. The index of wholesale sales stood at 97.9 for October compared with 106.7 for September, 98.2 for August, and 107.4 for October, 1937. The cumulative index for the first ten months of 1938 was 4.0 per cent below that for the corresponding period of 1937.

Practically all lines, following the trend of September, contributed to the decline from the corresponding month in 1937. The footwear and clothing trades registered the greatest losses, due partially to price movements but to a large extent to the protraction of summer weather into the autumn months and the consequent postponement of orders from the retail trade. The wholesale footwear trade was down 36 per cent from October last year, dry goods 19 per cent and clothing was down by 13 per cent.

The wholesale grocery trade was down by 9 per cent from October last year, a decline which must be interpreted in the light of price changes, the Bureau's wholesale price index for foods, beverages and tobacco standing practically 12 per cent lower in October this year than last. Although these price indexes are not constructed in such a way as to warrant their use in deflating the sales figures, they do give some indication of the effect of price movements on the dollar value of trade. Wholesale grocery sales were lower in all sections of the country, decreases below last October being 11 per cent in Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia, 6 per cent for Maritimes and 5 per cent for the Prairie Provinces. The less unfavourable showing in the Prairie Provinces reflects the improvement in purchasing power in this section over last year.

Wholesale sales of automotive equipment were up 9.6 per cent from October last year. Sales for the first ten months of 1937 showed an increase of almost 6.0 per cent over the corresponding period of the previous year. October sales of tobacco and confectionery were 3.0 per cent above those of October, 1937, and for the first ten months of the year were up 3.7 per cent over the same period of 1937.

Wholesale sales for Quebec in October were 13.5 per cent below those of the corresponding month in 1937. Ontario sales were down 10.7 per cent; the Maritime Provinces, 10.4 per cent; British Columbia, 8.8 per cent; and the Prairie Provinces, 8.8 per cent. Wholesale sales of the whole Dominion for the first ten months of 1938 were 3.9 per cent below the corresponding period in 1937.

The inventory value on October 31 for all lines of trade combined was 8.0 per cent below the stock value of the same date last year. The value of stocks on hand in the grocery trade was down 13.2 per cent; dry goods, 10.8 per cent; tobacco and confectionery, 10.0 per cent; drugs, 6.4 per cent; hardware, 5.1 per cent; and fruits and vegetables, 0.2 per cent. On the other hand, the inventory value in the automotive equipment trade compared with the same date of the previous year was up 8.2 per cent; clothing, up 6.3 per cent, and footwear was up 4.2 per cent.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

| | Percentage Change, 1938, Compared with 1937. | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|------------|-----------------|------------|
| | S A L E S | | | |
| | (1) | (2) | First | Inventory |
| | Sept., 1938 | Oct., 1938 | 10 Months, 1938 | Oct., 1938 |
| | Sept., 1937 | Oct., 1937 | First | Oct., 1937 |
| | Sept., 1937 | Oct., 1937 | 10 Months, 1937 | Oct., 1937 |
| Automotive Equipment | + 5.8 | + 9.6 | | |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 1.2 | + 18.1 | + 5.9 | + 8.2 |
| Ontario | + 1.4 | - 15.8 | | |
| Western Provinces | + 10.9 | + 25.7 | | |
| Books | - 1.3 | - 1.2 | - 0.3 | - 6.4 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario | - 3.4 | - 3.9 | | |
| Western Provinces | + 5.7 | + 7.1 | | |
| Clothing | - 8.1 | - 13.4 | - 11.1 | + 6.3 |
| Quebec | - 9.2 | - 10.4 | | |
| Ontario and Western Provinces | - 7.2 | - 16.6 | | |
| Footwear | - 12.0 | - 35.8 | - 14.9 | + 4.2 |
| Quebec | - 13.9 | - 40.0 | | |
| Ontario | - 8.2 | - 27.0 | | |
| Dry Goods | - 14.3 | - 19.3 | - 12.1 | - 10.8 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 16.1 | - 24.4 | | |
| Ontario | - 12.4 | - 15.8 | | |
| Western Provinces | - 13.2 | - 14.0 | | |
| Fruits and Vegetables | - 5.2 | - 8.5 | - 2.4 | - 0.2 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 15.9 | - 13.2 | | |
| Ontario | - 7.6 | - 9.1 | | |
| Western Provinces | - 0.6 | - 6.9 | | |
| Canned Goods | - 6.2 | - 8.9 | - 2.9 | - 13.2 |
| Maritimes | - 8.0 | - 6.4 | | |
| Quebec | - 15.0 | - 11.3 | | |
| Ontario | - 2.7 | - 11.1 | | |
| Prairies | - 6.5 | - 5.1 | | |
| British Columbia | - 1.9 | - 11.3 | | |
| Ceramics | - 4.7 | - 5.2 | - 6.8 | - 5.1 |
| Maritimes | - 17.2 | - 20.4 | | |
| Quebec | - 4.4 | - 9.9 | | |
| Ontario | - 6.7 | - 10.8 | | |
| Western Provinces | - 2.7 | - 0.9 | | |
| Tobacco and Confectionery | + 3.7 | + 3.0 | + 3.7 | - 10.0 |
| Quebec | + 5.3 | + 6.4 | | |
| Ontario | + 1.4 | - 0.9 | | |
| Western Provinces | + 4.2 | + 2.8 | | |
| Wholesale Trade -- | | | | |
| Maritimes | - 11.7 | - 10.4 | | |
| Quebec | - 10.6 | - 13.5 | | |
| Ontario | - 4.2 | - 10.7 | | |
| Prairies | - 2.0 | - 2.7 | | |
| British Columbia | - 7.1 | - 8.8 | | |
| CANADA | - 5.8 | - 8.8 | - 3.9 | - 8.0 |

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| Year and Month | WHOLESALE TRADE | | | | | AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT | | | |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|----------------------|--------|--------------------|---------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario |
| October, 1935 | 94.2 | 97.7 | 98.1 | 93.0 | 91.5 | 88.3 | 120.6 | 95.1 | 111.2 |
| October, 1936 | 103.8 | 107.7 | 106.3 | 98.9 | 104.7 | 99.2 | 138.7 | 104.6 | 141.1 |
| October, 1937 | 107.4 | 116.7 | 116.4 | 105.6 | 97.5 | 108.5 | 134.4 | 101.6 | 160.4 |
| October, 1938 | 97.9 | 104.6 | 100.7 | 94.3 | 94.9 | 99.0 | 147.3 | 120.0 | 135.1 |
| 1937--November | 96.6 | 108.0 | 98.9 | 94.9 | 88.6 | 104.2 | 104.9 | 88.0 | 114.9 |
| December | 86.9 | 97.3 | 85.7 | 92.3 | 74.2 | 96.2 | 85.2 | 92.7 | 101.5 |
| 1938--January | 68.3 | 74.6 | 60.9 | 74.9 | 60.1 | 78.3 | 64.4 | 53.1 | 74.2 |
| February | 71.7 | 73.6 | 70.6 | 76.6 | 61.8 | 80.6 | 60.6 | 52.9 | 70.9 |
| March | 87.8 | 93.1 | 88.4 | 90.2 | 77.9 | 98.1 | 78.5 | 66.6 | 92.1 |
| April | 89.4 | 94.6 | 90.6 | 93.7 | 78.4 | 95.9 | 99.5 | 89.0 | 109.1 |
| May | 95.5 | 103.9 | 97.1 | 99.8 | 81.5 | 107.9 | 103.6 | 102.7 | 114.2 |
| June | 100.1 | 104.5 | 97.7 | 104.7 | 89.3 | 111.6 | 100.2 | 79.1 | 108.3 |
| July | 90.1 | 98.9 | 76.3 | 91.5 | 89.8 | 103.4 | 102.3 | 88.1 | 103.2 |
| August | 98.2 | 98.2 | 84.7 | 95.1 | 102.9 | 111.9 | 124.0 | 90.8 | 108.8 |
| September | 106.7 | 109.1 | 106.3 | 104.6 | 106.3 | 104.4 | 151.4 | 115.3 | 160.4 |
| October | 97.9 | 104.6 | 100.7 | 94.3 | 94.9 | 99.0 | 147.3 | 120.0 | 135.1 |

| Year and Month | DRUGS | | | CLOTHING | | FOOTWEAR | DRY GOODS | | |
|----------------|--------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------|--------|----------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes Que. & Ont. | Western Provinces | CANADA | CANADA | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| October, 1935 | 97.6 | 100.0 | 83.0 | 135.4 | 119.1 | 94.4 | 89.0 | 97.7 | 101.2 |
| October, 1936 | 109.8 | 112.5 | 102.1 | 133.2 | 162.9 | 102.8 | 93.4 | 102.8 | 122.2 |
| October, 1937 | 116.9 | 123.1 | 100.3 | 142.8 | 159.5 | 112.5 | 111.9 | 107.1 | 121.5 |
| October, 1938 | 115.5 | 118.3 | 107.4 | 123.7 | 102.4 | 90.8 | 84.6 | 90.2 | 104.5 |
| 1937--November | 111.4 | 116.3 | 98.1 | 110.9 | 93.7 | 92.6 | 83.3 | 95.4 | 108.2 |
| December | 104.4 | 110.3 | 89.1 | 84.0 | 96.8 | 66.8 | 64.5 | 73.5 | 62.6 |
| 1938--January | 99.0 | 103.3 | 87.2 | 41.9 | 38.3 | 49.2 | 40.5 | 65.0 | 46.2 |
| February | 94.6 | 97.1 | 88.3 | 60.5 | 61.4 | 62.6 | 56.2 | 73.9 | 60.7 |
| March | 104.8 | 106.8 | 99.7 | 87.9 | 99.6 | 80.9 | 77.7 | 86.6 | 80.8 |
| April | 104.2 | 107.7 | 94.1 | 86.1 | 104.0 | 78.2 | 83.0 | 77.9 | 69.6 |
| May | 102.3 | 106.3 | 91.2 | 79.4 | 101.8 | 77.0 | 78.6 | 80.8 | 68.4 |
| June | 102.5 | 105.4 | 94.0 | 68.7 | 93.2 | 68.7 | 68.5 | 75.9 | 60.4 |
| July | 99.9 | 101.1 | 96.0 | 48.5 | 53.6 | 47.3 | 38.0 | 54.1 | 58.5 |
| August | 109.2 | 110.5 | 105.4 | 101.4 | 104.8 | 76.6 | 62.6 | 77.2 | 103.9 |
| September | 120.6 | 125.8 | 106.5 | 135.2 | 141.0 | 101.8 | 97.2 | 102.7 | 110.7 |
| October | 115.5 | 118.3 | 107.4 | 123.7 | 102.4 | 90.8 | 84.6 | 90.2 | 104.5 |

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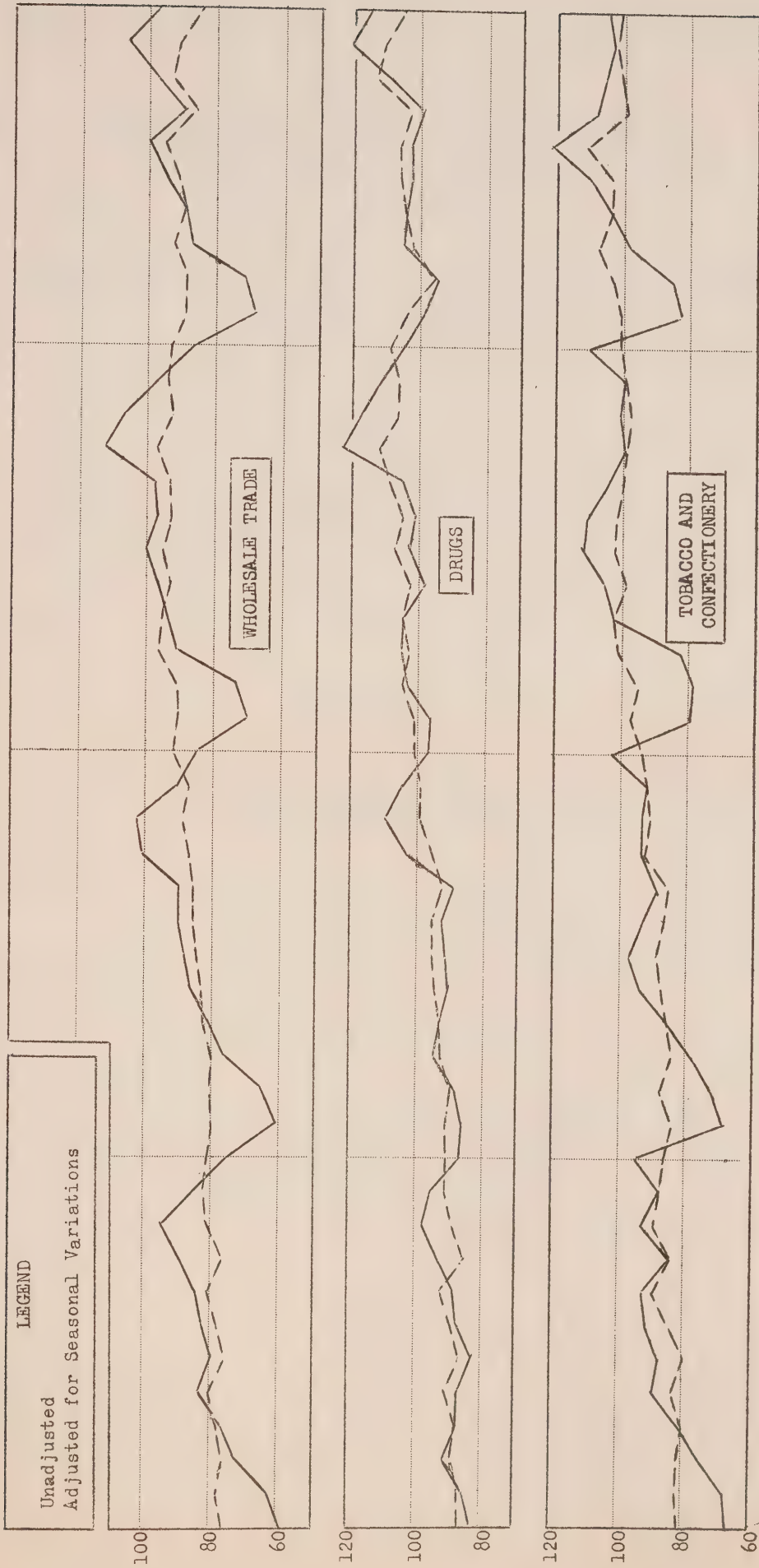
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| Year and Month | GROCERIES | | | | | | | FRUITS AND VEGETABLES | | | |
|----------------|-----------|--------|---------|-----------|---------|--------|---------|-----------------------|---------|------------------|--------|
| | CANADA | | | Maritimes | | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | | British Columbia | CANADA |
| | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Quebec | Ontario | | | Quebec | Ontario | | |
| October, 1935 | 108.5 | 106.2 | 107.4 | 105.7 | 122.8 | 96.4 | 76.3 | 73.4 | 76.6 | 78.0 | 78.0 |
| October, 1936 | 115.4 | 116.4 | 115.3 | 108.2 | 133.2 | 103.5 | 83.0 | 70.7 | 80.0 | 91.0 | 91.0 |
| October, 1937 | 117.5 | 126.9 | 119.2 | 111.6 | 125.9 | 114.4 | 88.9 | 88.5 | 91.8 | 89.4 | 89.4 |
| October, 1938 | 107.0 | 116.8 | 105.7 | 99.2 | 119.5 | 101.5 | 81.3 | 76.8 | 83.4 | 83.2 | 83.2 |
| 1937--November | 111.8 | 124.3 | 113.2 | 103.2 | 119.0 | 114.2 | 79.9 | 74.8 | 85.0 | 78.4 | 78.4 |
| December | 99.7 | 114.7 | 86.1 | 100.7 | 107.8 | 98.6 | 87.1 | 88.6 | 97.8 | 76.7 | 76.7 |
| 1938--January | 82.1 | 93.4 | 55.6 | 83.9 | 93.2 | 87.6 | 66.3 | 70.6 | 76.7 | 50.9 | 50.9 |
| February | 83.3 | 89.0 | 64.2 | 82.6 | 93.2 | 90.2 | 70.1 | 86.2 | 85.4 | 49.4 | 49.4 |
| March | 97.4 | 106.9 | 79.2 | 93.9 | 109.3 | 105.0 | 85.7 | 95.9 | 100.6 | 65.5 | 65.5 |
| April | 93.5 | 97.9 | 73.2 | 93.4 | 104.4 | 100.2 | 96.3 | 104.4 | 112.6 | 72.1 | 72.1 |
| May | 102.3 | 116.5 | 84.7 | 99.6 | 110.6 | 112.7 | 109.1 | 120.8 | 127.6 | 83.7 | 83.7 |
| June | 112.9 | 120.2 | 91.2 | 114.5 | 122.2 | 120.9 | 117.2 | 136.4 | 123.0 | 99.3 | 99.3 |
| July | 110.3 | 119.9 | 84.5 | 106.6 | 126.5 | 116.5 | 95.7 | 77.6 | 100.5 | 99.0 | 99.0 |
| August | 114.1 | 117.0 | 82.3 | 107.8 | 136.1 | 127.7 | 88.4 | 71.7 | 91.7 | 95.6 | 95.6 |
| September | 115.7 | 119.3 | 92.8 | 112.6 | 136.7 | 114.9 | 97.0 | 106.6 | 83.4 | 102.2 | 102.2 |
| October | 107.0 | 118.8 | 105.7 | 99.2 | 119.5 | 101.5 | 81.3 | 76.8 | 83.4 | 83.2 | 83.2 |

| Year and Month | HARDWARE | | | | | | | TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY | | | |
|----------------|-----------|--------|---------|-----------|---------|--------|---------|---------------------------|---------|--------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | | | Maritimes | | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces | | CANADA | Western Provinces |
| | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Quebec | Ontario | | | Quebec | Ontario | | |
| October, 1935 | 86.8 | 80.6 | 85.1 | 84.1 | 96.9 | 92.5 | 84.2 | 95.3 | 94.9 | 94.9 | 94.9 |
| October, 1936 | 110.6 | 95.0 | 103.6 | 98.0 | 125.4 | 93.7 | 83.9 | 97.4 | 97.3 | 97.3 | 97.3 |
| October, 1937 | 111.4 | 103.0 | 116.3 | 104.1 | 117.9 | 101.2 | 95.2 | 106.2 | 97.1 | 97.1 | 97.1 |
| October, 1938 | 104.8 | 82.0 | 104.8 | 92.9 | 116.8 | 104.2 | 101.3 | 105.2 | 99.8 | 99.8 | 99.8 |
| 1937--November | 96.0 | 84.5 | 96.6 | 90.5 | 103.7 | 93.1 | 93.2 | 103.4 | 99.0 | 99.0 | 99.0 |
| December | 83.1 | 64.7 | 85.9 | 85.3 | 87.2 | 110.3 | 108.0 | 115.0 | 106.1 | 106.1 | 106.1 |
| 1938--January | 61.3 | 47.6 | 66.2 | 62.6 | 63.0 | 82.3 | 86.5 | 82.5 | 72.7 | 72.7 | 72.7 |
| February | 64.5 | 51.2 | 63.9 | 60.6 | 69.2 | 85.3 | 92.6 | 84.3 | 74.0 | 74.0 | 74.0 |
| March | 90.6 | 76.8 | 82.3 | 82.2 | 101.1 | 95.1 | 106.6 | 96.7 | 85.7 | 85.7 | 85.7 |
| April | 100.0 | 91.7 | 101.3 | 95.5 | 106.4 | 103.6 | 113.7 | 102.0 | 86.3 | 86.3 | 86.3 |
| May | 106.3 | 87.9 | 112.3 | 100.8 | 113.0 | 109.7 | 123.4 | 106.4 | 90.1 | 90.1 | 90.1 |
| June | 103.1 | 89.4 | 107.0 | 106.7 | 116.1 | 121.2 | 144.0 | 114.7 | 97.8 | 97.8 | 97.8 |
| July | 93.0 | 81.9 | 89.5 | 82.0 | 103.7 | 107.2 | 113.5 | 110.7 | 90.4 | 90.4 | 90.4 |
| August | 102.4 | 80.2 | 98.6 | 75.4 | 119.9 | 105.6 | 102.8 | 112.8 | 97.7 | 97.7 | 97.7 |
| September | 110.7 | 88.2 | 118.4 | 95.4 | 121.4 | 103.1 | 97.0 | 108.7 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| October | 104.8 | 82.0 | 104.8 | 92.9 | 116.8 | 104.2 | 101.3 | 105.2 | 99.8 | 99.8 | 99.8 |

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Erratum

Paragraph 1. Line 2-- "1.8 per cent lower than in October, 1937" should
read "1.8 per cent lower than in November, 1937"

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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, NOVEMBER, 1938
(All sales indexes are on the base 1930 equals 100)

The dollar value of wholesale sales in Canada in November was down 3.3 per cent from October and was 1.8 per cent lower than in October, 1937, according to reports received from some 200 wholesale firms representative of nine different lines of trade throughout Canada. The index of wholesale sales stood at 94.9 for November compared with 98.1 for October, 106.7 for September and 96.6 for November, 1937. The cumulative index for the first eleven months of 1938 was 3.7 per cent below that for the corresponding period of 1937.

A marked recovery from the declining sales of October was recorded in practically all lines of business in November. The footwear trades in particular had experienced a bad month in October compared with the corresponding month of 1937. In November, however, wholesale sales of footwear were 16.0 per cent greater than in November, 1937, the index of sales standing at 108.7, compared with 93.7 for November, 1937. It would seem that the buying which had been delayed by prolonged good weather and price movements was concentrated in November rather than being spread over two or three months as is usually the case. Wholesale sales of dry goods, while still below the 1937 corresponding month level, nevertheless showed a trend toward improvement. Sales for November were 5.7 per cent below November, 1937, whereas dry goods sales in October were 19.3 per cent below those of the corresponding month in the previous year.

Wholesale sales of automotive equipment throughout 1938 have been consistently above 1937. In November, automotive equipment sales were up 8.9 per cent compared with November, 1937, the index of sales standing at 114.2. Sales of tobacco and confectionery likewise maintained the improvement which practically every month of 1938 has recorded over the corresponding month of the previous year. In November the sales of tobacco and confectionery wholesalers were 5.1 per cent greater than in November, 1937. Sales of hardware which during practically every month of 1938 have been lower than the previous year, were 3.3 per cent greater in November than in November, 1937. Wholesale sales of drugs in November were also 0.2 per cent greater than in the corresponding month of 1937.

Improvement was shown in other lines of business although sales were below the level of November, 1937. Sales of clothing in November were down 3.1 per cent compared with November, 1937. This, nevertheless, was an improvement over the previous month in which clothing sales were down 16.7 per cent compared with the corresponding month in 1937. Sales of groceries in November were down 4.7 per cent compared with November, 1937, while sales of fruits and vegetables were down 2.4 per cent.

Combined wholesale sales for British Columbia were 7.6 per cent below those for the corresponding months in 1937. The Maritime sales were down 5.9 per cent; Quebec, 1.4 per cent; the Prairie Provinces, 0.5 per cent. No change was recorded in Ontario.

The inventory value on November 30th for all lines of trade combined was 8.3 per cent below the stock value of the same date last year. The value of stocks on hand in the dry goods trade was down 13.0 per cent; groceries, 11.5 per cent; footwear, 5.0 per cent; drugs, 3.8 per cent. On the other hand, the inventory value in the automotive equipment trade compared with the same date of the previous year was up 1.8 per cent; clothing, 0.9 per cent; fruits and vegetables, 2.2 per cent; and tobacco and confectionery, 32 per cent.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

| | Percentage Change, 1938, Compared with 1937. | | | |
|---------------------------------|--|------------|-----------------|------------|
| | S A L E S | | | |
| | (1) | (2) | First | Inventory |
| | Oct., 1938 | Nov., 1938 | 11 Months, 1938 | Nov., 1938 |
| | Oct., 1937 | Nov., 1937 | First | Nov., 1937 |
| | Oct., 1937 | Nov., 1937 | 11 Months, 1937 | Nov., 1937 |
| Automotive Equipment | + 8.2 | + 8.9 | + 6.0 | + 1.8 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 13.9 | + 5.5 | | |
| Ontario | - 15.8 | + 8.5 | | |
| Western Provinces | + 19.7 | + 10.4 | | |
| Dugs | - 1.3 | + 0.2 | - 0.2 | - 3.8 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario . | - 4.0 | - 1.2 | | |
| Western Provinces..... | + 7.3 | + 4.4 | | |
| Clothing | - 16.7 | - 3.1 | - 10.7 | + 0.9 |
| Quebec | - 10.4 | - 5.7 | | |
| Ontario and Western Provinces . | - 21.3 | + 1.5 | | |
| Footwear | - 35.8 | + 16.0 | - 12.4 | - 5.0 |
| Quebec | - 40.0 | + 16.3 | | |
| Ontario | - 27.0 | + 15.5 | | |
| Dry Goods | - 19.3 | - 5.7 | - 11.5 | - 13.0 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 24.4 | - 7.6 | | |
| Ontario | - 15.8 | - 1.8 | | |
| Western Provinces | - 14.0 | - 7.1 | | |
| Fruits and Vegetables | - 8.3 | - 2.4 | - 2.4 | + 2.2 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 11.5 | + 0.6 | | |
| Ontario | - 9.1 | - 3.5 | | |
| Western Provinces | - 6.9 | - 2.5 | | |
| Groceries | - 8.7 | - 4.7 | - 3.0 | - 11.5 |
| Maritimes | - 6.4 | - 5.9 | | |
| Quebec | - 10.7 | - 6.0 | | |
| Ontario | - 11.1 | - 0.5 | | |
| Prairies | - 4.8 | - 3.0 | | |
| British Columbia | - 11.3 | - 13.9 | | |
| Hardware | - 5.9 | + 3.3 | - 5.9 | - 7.5 |
| Maritimes | - 20.4 | - 7.8 | | |
| Quebec | - 9.9 | + 3.3 | | |
| Ontario | - 10.8 | + 2.7 | | |
| Western Provinces | - 0.9 | + 4.8 | | |
| Tobacco and Confectionery | + 3.0 | + 5.1 | + 3.9 | + 3.2 |
| Quebec | + 6.4 | + 9.2 | | |
| Ontario | - 0.9 | + 0.4 | | |
| Western Provinces | + 2.8 | + 4.2 | | |
| Wholesale Trade --- | | | | |
| Maritimes | - 9.9 | - 5.9 | | |
| Quebec | - 13.3 | - 1.4 | | |
| Ontario | - 11.0 | (a) | | |
| Prairies | - 2.5 | - 0.5 | | |
| British Columbia | - 8.8 | - 7.6 | | |
| CANADA | - 8.7 | - 1.8 | - 3.7 | - 8.3 |

- (1) Revised
 (2) Preliminary
 (a) No change.

MONTHLY INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA
(Average for 1930 = 100)

| Year and Month | WHOLESALE TRADE | | | | | | AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| November, 1935 | 84.7 | 90.4 | 87.0 | 84.0 | 79.1 | 87.2 | 93.0 | 80.4 | 99.4 | 95.9 |
| November, 1936 | 90.2 | 98.2 | 93.5 | 88.5 | 82.1 | 98.2 | 110.9 | 89.6 | 119.3 | 116.8 |
| November, 1937 | 96.6 | 108.0 | 98.9 | 94.9 | 88.6 | 104.2 | 104.9 | 88.0 | 114.9 | 107.7 |
| November, 1938 | 94.9 | 101.6 | 97.5 | 94.9 | 88.2 | 96.3 | 114.2 | 92.8 | 124.7 | 118.9 |
| 1937 - December | 86.9 | 97.3 | 85.7 | 92.3 | 74.2 | 96.2 | 85.2 | 92.7 | 101.5 | 80.9 |
| 1938 - January | 68.3 | 74.6 | 60.9 | 74.9 | 60.1 | 78.3 | 64.4 | 53.1 | 74.2 | 63.1 |
| February | 71.7 | 73.6 | 70.6 | 76.6 | 61.8 | 80.6 | 60.6 | 52.9 | 70.9 | 57.0 |
| March | 87.8 | 93.1 | 88.4 | 90.2 | 77.9 | 98.1 | 78.5 | 66.6 | 92.1 | 76.5 |
| April | 89.4 | 94.6 | 90.6 | 93.7 | 78.4 | 95.9 | 99.5 | 89.0 | 109.1 | 99.8 |
| May | 95.5 | 103.9 | 97.1 | 99.8 | 81.5 | 107.9 | 103.6 | 102.7 | 114.2 | 99.2 |
| June | 100.1 | 104.5 | 97.7 | 104.7 | 89.3 | 111.6 | 100.2 | 79.1 | 108.3 | 104.0 |
| July | 90.1 | 98.9 | 76.3 | 91.5 | 89.8 | 103.4 | 102.3 | 88.1 | 103.2 | 107.3 |
| August | 98.2 | 98.2 | 84.7 | 95.1 | 102.9 | 111.9 | 124.0 | 90.8 | 108.8 | 150.1 |
| September | 106.7 | 109.1 | 106.3 | 104.6 | 106.3 | 104.4 | 151.4 | 115.3 | 160.4 | 166.5 |
| October | 98.1 | 105.1 | 100.9 | 94.0 | 95.1 | 99.0 | 145.4 | 115.7 | 135.1 | 164.1 |
| November | 94.9 | 101.6 | 97.5 | 94.9 | 88.2 | 96.3 | 114.2 | 92.8 | 124.7 | 118.9 |

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| Year and Month | DRUGS | | | | CLOTHING | | FOOTWEAR | | DRY GOODS | | | |
|-----------------|--------|-----------|-------------|-------------------|----------|--------|----------|--------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Que. & Ont. | Western Provinces | CANADA | CANADA | CANADA | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces | Western Provinces |
| November, 1935 | 95.9 | 97.7 | 92.5 | 92.5 | 111.6 | 121.6 | 81.9 | 81.9 | 72.0 | 87.4 | 94.7 | 94.7 |
| November, 1936 | 104.4 | 106.5 | 98.5 | 98.5 | 111.2 | 109.9 | 87.2 | 87.2 | 80.4 | 89.5 | 98.3 | 98.3 |
| November, 1937 | 111.4 | 116.3 | 98.1 | 98.1 | 110.9 | 93.7 | 92.6 | 92.6 | 83.3 | 95.4 | 108.2 | 108.2 |
| November, 1938 | 111.6 | 114.9 | 102.4 | 102.4 | 107.5 | 108.7 | 87.3 | 87.3 | 77.0 | 93.7 | 100.5 | 100.5 |
| 1937 - December | 104.4 | 110.3 | 89.1 | 89.1 | 84.0 | 96.8 | 66.8 | 66.8 | 64.5 | 73.5 | 62.6 | 62.6 |
| 1938 - January | 99.0 | 103.3 | 87.2 | 87.2 | 41.9 | 38.3 | 49.2 | 49.2 | 40.5 | 65.0 | 46.2 | 46.2 |
| February | 94.6 | 97.1 | 88.3 | 88.3 | 60.5 | 61.4 | 62.6 | 62.6 | 56.2 | 73.9 | 60.7 | 60.7 |
| March | 104.8 | 106.8 | 99.7 | 99.7 | 87.9 | 99.6 | 80.9 | 80.9 | 77.7 | 86.6 | 80.8 | 80.8 |
| April | 104.2 | 107.7 | 94.1 | 94.1 | 86.1 | 104.0 | 78.2 | 78.2 | 83.0 | 77.9 | 69.6 | 69.6 |
| May | 102.3 | 106.3 | 91.2 | 91.2 | 79.4 | 101.8 | 77.0 | 77.0 | 78.6 | 80.8 | 68.4 | 68.4 |
| June | 102.5 | 105.4 | 94.0 | 94.0 | 68.7 | 93.2 | 68.7 | 68.7 | 68.5 | 75.9 | 60.4 | 60.4 |
| July | 99.9 | 101.1 | 96.0 | 96.0 | 48.5 | 53.6 | 47.3 | 47.3 | 38.0 | 54.1 | 58.5 | 58.5 |
| August | 109.2 | 110.5 | 105.4 | 105.4 | 101.4 | 104.8 | 76.6 | 76.6 | 62.6 | 77.2 | 103.9 | 103.9 |
| September | 120.6 | 125.8 | 106.5 | 106.5 | 135.2 | 141.0 | 103.8 | 103.8 | 97.2 | 102.7 | 110.7 | 110.7 |
| October | 115.4 | 118.2 | 107.6 | 107.6 | 119.0 | 102.4 | 90.8 | 90.8 | 84.6 | 90.2 | 104.5 | 104.5 |
| November | 111.6 | 114.9 | 102.4 | 102.4 | 107.5 | 108.7 | 87.3 | 87.3 | 77.0 | 93.7 | 100.5 | 100.5 |

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

GROCERIES

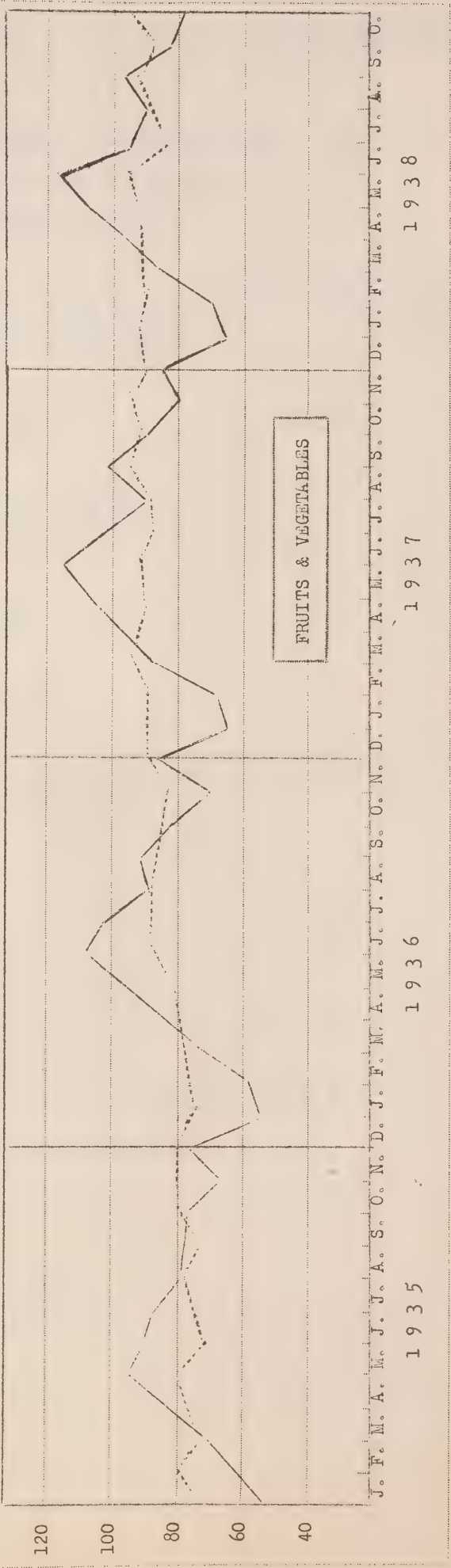
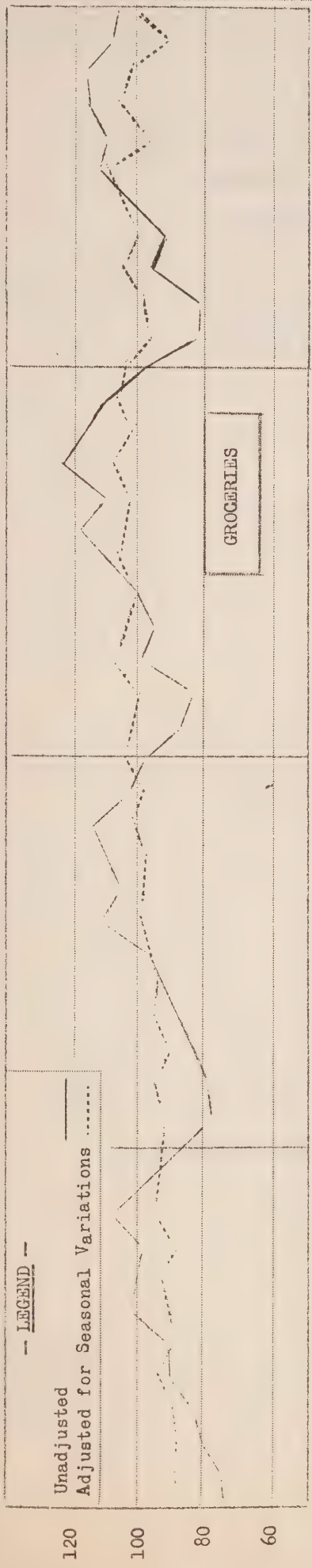
| Year and Month | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
|-----------------|--------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|------------------|--------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| November, 1935 | 97.4 | 102.4 | 93.3 | 95.5 | 106.8 | 92.3 | 67.4 | 67.1 | 67.6 | 67.3 |
| November, 1936 | 102.3 | 107.9 | 103.0 | 97.3 | 106.5 | 107.2 | 70.2 | 67.8 | 72.8 | 69.4 |
| November, 1937 | 111.8 | 124.3 | 113.2 | 103.2 | 119.0 | 114.2 | 79.9 | 74.8 | 85.0 | 78.4 |
| November, 1938 | 106.5 | 117.0 | 106.4 | 102.7 | 115.4 | 98.3 | 78.0 | 75.2 | 82.0 | 76.4 |
| 1937 - December | 99.7 | 114.7 | 86.1 | 100.7 | 107.8 | 98.6 | 87.1 | 88.6 | 97.8 | 76.7 |
| 1938 - January | 82.1 | 93.4 | 55.6 | 83.9 | 93.2 | 87.8 | 66.3 | 70.6 | 78.7 | 50.9 |
| February | 83.3 | 89.0 | 64.2 | 82.8 | 93.2 | 90.2 | 70.1 | 86.2 | 85.4 | 49.4 |
| March | 97.4 | 106.9 | 79.2 | 93.9 | 109.3 | 105.0 | 85.7 | 95.9 | 100.6 | 65.5 |
| April | 93.5 | 97.9 | 73.2 | 93.4 | 104.4 | 100.2 | 96.3 | 104.4 | 112.6 | 72.1 |
| May | 102.3 | 116.5 | 84.7 | 99.8 | 110.6 | 112.7 | 109.1 | 120.8 | 127.6 | 83.7 |
| June | 112.9 | 120.2 | 91.2 | 114.5 | 122.2 | 120.9 | 117.2 | 136.4 | 123.0 | 99.3 |
| July | 110.3 | 119.9 | 84.5 | 108.6 | 126.5 | 116.5 | 95.7 | 77.6 | 100.5 | 99.0 |
| August | 114.1 | 117.0 | 82.3 | 107.8 | 136.1 | 127.7 | 88.4 | 71.7 | 91.7 | 95.6 |
| September | 115.7 | 119.3 | 92.8 | 112.6 | 136.7 | 114.9 | 97.0 | 106.6 | 83.4 | 102.2 |
| October | 107.3 | 118.8 | 106.4 | 99.2 | 119.9 | 101.5 | 81.5 | 78.3 | 83.4 | 83.2 |
| November | 106.5 | 117.0 | 106.4 | 102.7 | 115.4 | 98.3 | 78.0 | 75.2 | 82.0 | 76.4 |

TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY

HARDWARE

| Year and Month | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces | CANADA | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
|-----------------|--------|-----------|--------|---------|-------------------|--------|--------|---------|-------------------|
| November, 1935 | 81.9 | 71.3 | 75.9 | 75.1 | 91.3 | 87.8 | 84.4 | 86.1 | 91.4 |
| November, 1936 | 93.3 | 81.3 | 92.2 | 83.6 | 102.3 | 91.8 | 89.4 | 89.2 | 94.7 |
| November, 1937 | 96.8 | 84.5 | 98.6 | 90.5 | 103.7 | 99.1 | 93.2 | 103.4 | 99.0 |
| November, 1938 | 100.0 | 77.9 | 101.9 | 92.9 | 108.7 | 104.2 | 101.8 | 103.8 | 103.2 |
| 1937 - December | 83.1 | 64.7 | 85.9 | 85.3 | 87.2 | 110.3 | 108.0 | 115.0 | 106.1 |
| 1938 - January | 61.3 | 47.8 | 66.2 | 62.6 | 63.0 | 82.3 | 86.5 | 82.5 | 72.7 |
| February | 64.5 | 51.2 | 63.9 | 60.6 | 69.2 | 85.3 | 92.6 | 84.3 | 74.0 |
| March | 90.8 | 78.8 | 82.3 | 82.2 | 101.1 | 99.1 | 106.6 | 98.7 | 85.7 |
| April | 100.0 | 91.7 | 101.3 | 95.5 | 106.4 | 103.8 | 113.7 | 102.0 | 88.3 |
| May | 106.3 | 87.9 | 112.3 | 100.8 | 113.0 | 109.7 | 123.4 | 108.4 | 90.1 |
| June | 108.1 | 89.4 | 107.0 | 106.7 | 116.1 | 121.2 | 144.0 | 114.7 | 97.8 |
| July | 93.0 | 81.9 | 89.5 | 82.0 | 103.7 | 107.2 | 113.5 | 110.7 | 90.4 |
| August | 102.4 | 80.2 | 98.6 | 75.4 | 119.9 | 105.6 | 102.8 | 112.8 | 97.7 |
| September | 110.7 | 88.2 | 118.4 | 95.4 | 121.4 | 103.1 | 97.0 | 108.7 | 100.0 |
| October | 104.8 | 82.0 | 104.8 | 92.9 | 116.8 | 104.2 | 101.3 | 105.2 | 99.8 |
| November | 100.0 | 77.9 | 101.9 | 92.9 | 108.7 | 104.2 | 101.8 | 103.8 | 103.2 |

(Average for 1930 = 100)



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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, DECEMBER, 1938.
(Average Monthly Sales, 1930 = 100)

The dollar value of wholesale sales in Canada in December was down 8.1 per cent from November, but was 0.1 per cent above December, 1937, according to reports received from some 200 wholesale firms representing nine different lines of trade throughout Canada. The index of wholesale sales stood at 87.0 for December, compared with 94.7 for November, 97.8 for October and 86.9 for December, 1937. Wholesale sales throughout the year were below the level of 1937, the average monthly index for 1938 being 90.6 compared with 93.9 for the previous year. The average monthly index for 1936 was 85.2.

With few exceptions the narrowing of the spread between monthly sales in 1938 and the corresponding periods in 1937, which was evident in the November comparison, has continued into December. There were losses during the month compared with December, 1937, but, in general, these were less than the losses of the preceding months. Wholesale sales of fruits and vegetables were up 7.5 per cent compared with December, 1937, the sales index standing at 93.6 compared with 87.1 for the same month of the previous year. Gains in this business were particularly noticeable in the Western provinces. Tobacco and confectionery continued to show the gains which have been in evidence during the greater part of the year. Wholesale sales of tobacco and confectionery were 3.1 per cent greater than in December, 1937, the sales index standing at 113.7 compared with 110.3 for the same month of the previous year. Wholesale sales of groceries, regarded as one of the "key" trades in consumers goods were only 0.5 per cent below those of December, 1937, compared with the loss of 5.0 per cent recorded in the year-to-year comparisons of November. This showing was largely due to the gain of 9.8 per cent reported in the trade in British Columbia.

Among the exceptions to the general trend were the automotive equipment and footwear trades. Gains have been the rule rather than the exception in the automotive equipment trade particularly, but sales for the month of December were 4.6 per cent below those for the same month in 1937. The average monthly index for the year, however, was well maintained at 101.6. Wholesale sales in the footwear trade during the year with the exception of November were consistently below those of the corresponding months in 1937. In November, however, footwear sales recorded an increase of 16.0 per cent over those of November of the previous year, due to a sudden increase or buying which, with less favourable weather conditions, might have been spread over the preceding months. In December, the sales of footwear were 16.9 per cent below December, 1937. Sales of hardware which had shown brief recovery in November also fell 2.1 per cent below the December, 1937, level, while sales of dry goods continued to record the losses which have characterized their trend for the past twelve months. The index of sales of dry goods stood at 65.2 for December with a yearly average of 73.8. Wholesale sales of drugs during the year have shown comparatively little variation compared with sales of the corresponding months of 1937. Sales in December were 2.4 per cent greater than in December of the previous year, the sales index for the month standing at 106.9. The yearly average index for the drug trade was 105.9, unchanged from the previous year.

Combined wholesale sales for Canada for the first time during the year were greater in December than for the corresponding month in 1937. Although losses of 4 per cent, 4.1 per cent and 0.6 per cent were recorded by the Maritime provinces, Quebec and Ontario respectively, these were more than offset by the gains of 3.0 per cent in the Prairie Provinces and 3.4 per cent in British Columbia.

Any consideration of the increase or decrease in the dollar volume of wholesale sales should also take into account the movement of prices. In the twelve-month period of 1938, wholesale prices of all commodities averaged 7.1 per cent below 1937. In the month of December, the wholesale price index (on the base 1926 equals 100) stood at 73.3 compared with 82.7 for December, 1937. For the year wholesale prices of consumer goods were 2.7 per cent below 1937, foods, beverages and tobacco prices were 4.6 per cent down, while clothing and footwear were down 5.2 per cent. Wholesale hardware prices, on the other hand, were up 0.1 per cent.

The inventory value on December 31 for all lines of wholesale trade combined was 10.5 per cent below the stock value on the same date last year. The value of stocks on hand in the grocery trade was down 15.0 per cent, dry goods, 13.7 per cent; hardware, 10.5 per cent; footwear, 6.4 per cent; tobacco and confectionery, 5.0 per cent; and drugs, 2.7 per cent. On the other hand, the inventory value in the clothing trade, compared with the same date of the previous year, was up 9.4 per cent and that of the motive equipment trade was up 4.4 per cent.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

| | Percentage Change, 1938, compared with 1937 | | | |
|----------------------------------|---|------------|--------------|------------|
| | S A L E S | | | Inventory |
| | (1) | (2) | Calendar (2) | |
| | Nov., 1938 | Dec., 1938 | year, 1938 | |
| | Nov., 1937 | Dec., 1937 | year, 1937 | Dec., 1938 |
| | | | | Dec., 1937 |
| Automotive Equipment | + 7.2 | - 4.6 | + 4.7 | + 4.4 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 2.5 | - 18.2 | + 1.3 | |
| Ontario | + 4.9 | - 11.6 | - 0.7 | |
| Western Provinces | + 10.4 | + 8.0 | + 9.2 | |
| Clothing | + 0.2 | + 2.4 | (a) | - 2.7 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .. | - 1.2 | - 0.4 | - 1.4 | |
| Western Provinces | + 4.7 | + 10.7 | + 3.9 | |
| Footwear | - 0.7 | - 1.5 | - 9.8 | + 9.4 |
| Quebec | - 5.7 | + 12.7 | - 9.2 | |
| Ontario and Western Provinces .. | + 4.1 | - 10.5 | - 10.7 | |
| Footwear | + 16.0 | - 16.9 | - 12.7 | - 6.4 |
| Quebec | + 16.3 | - 17.6 | - 15.8 | |
| Ontario | + 15.5 | - 15.4 | - 5.4 | |
| Toy Goods | - 5.9 | - 2.4 | - 10.9 | - 13.7 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 8.1 | - 1.2 | - 12.7 | |
| Ontario | - 1.8 | - 4.8 | - 8.9 | |
| Western Provinces | - 7.3 | - 1.3 | - 10.1 | |
| Fruits and Vegetables | - 2.4 | + 7.5 | - 1.6 | - 2.5 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 0.5 | + 2.5 | - 3.8 | |
| Ontario | - 3.5 | + 5.8 | - 1.9 | |
| Western Provinces | - 2.5 | + 10.8 | - 0.6 | |
| Meat | - 5.0 | - 0.5 | - 2.9 | - 15.0 |
| Maritimes | - 6.1 | - 0.3 | - 1.3 | |
| Quebec | - 7.0 | - 9.1 | - 6.8 | |
| Ontario | - 0.5 | - 1.0 | - 2.2 | |
| Prairies | - 3.0 | - 1.6 | - 2.6 | |
| British Columbia | - 13.9 | + 9.8 | - 1.9 | |
| Hardware | + 2.8 | - 2.1 | - 5.6 | - 10.5 |
| Maritimes | - 7.8 | - 12.3 | - 10.6 | |
| Quebec | + 3.3 | - 0.8 | - 6.3 | |
| Ontario | - 0.4 | - 4.2 | - 7.4 | |
| Western Provinces | + 4.8 | - 0.9 | - 4.5 | |
| Tobacco and Confectionery | + 5.2 | + 3.1 | + 3.8 | - 5.0 |
| Quebec | + 9.2 | + 5.8 | + 6.0 | |
| Ontario | + 1.1 | - 0.1 | + 2.7 | |
| Western Provinces | + 4.3 | + 2.6 | + 2.1 | |
| Wholesale Trade -- | | | | |
| Maritimes | - 6.0 | - 1.4 | - 4.3 | |
| Quebec | - 2.1 | - 4.1 | - 6.3 | |
| Ontario | - 0.1 | - 0.6 | - 2.8 | |
| Prairies | - 0.5 | + 3.0 | - 1.2 | |
| British Columbia | - 7.5 | + 3.4 | - 4.5 | |
| CANADA | - 2.0 | + 0.1 | - 3.5 | - 10.5 |

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| Year and Month | WHOLESALE TRADE | | | | | AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT | | |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|----------------------|--------|--------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec |
| December, 1936 | 85.6 | 92.4 | 78.3 | 91.0 | 78.6 | 93.4 | 82.9 | 67.9 |
| December, 1937 | 86.9 | 97.3 | 85.7 | 92.3 | 74.2 | 96.2 | 85.2 | 92.7 |
| December, 1938 | 87.0 | 95.9 | 82.2 | 91.7 | 76.4 | 99.5 | 81.3 | 75.8 |
| 1938 - January | 68.3 | 74.6 | 60.9 | 74.9 | 60.1 | 78.3 | 64.4 | 53.1 |
| February | 71.7 | 73.6 | 70.6 | 76.6 | 61.8 | 80.6 | 60.6 | 52.9 |
| March | 87.8 | 93.1 | 88.4 | 90.2 | 77.9 | 98.1 | 78.5 | 66.6 |
| April | 89.4 | 94.6 | 90.6 | 93.7 | 78.4 | 95.9 | 99.5 | 89.0 |
| May | 95.5 | 103.9 | 97.1 | 99.8 | 81.5 | 107.9 | 103.6 | 102.7 |
| June | 100.1 | 104.5 | 97.7 | 104.7 | 89.3 | 111.6 | 100.2 | 79.1 |
| July | 90.1 | 98.9 | 76.3 | 91.5 | 89.8 | 103.4 | 102.3 | 88.1 |
| August | 98.2 | 98.2 | 84.7 | 95.1 | 102.9 | 111.9 | 124.0 | 90.8 |
| September | 106.7 | 109.1 | 106.3 | 104.6 | 106.3 | 104.4 | 151.4 | 115.3 |
| October | 97.8 | 105.1 | 100.8 | 93.7 | 95.1 | 99.0 | 140.7 | 115.7 |
| November | 94.7 | 101.5 | 96.8 | 94.8 | 88.2 | 96.4 | 112.5 | 90.2 |
| December | 87.0 | 95.9 | 82.2 | 91.7 | 76.4 | 99.5 | 81.3 | 75.8 |
| Yearly Average | 90.6 | 96.1 | 87.7 | 92.6 | 84.0 | 98.9 | 101.6 | 84.9 |
| | | | | | | | | 106.4 |
| | | | | | | | | 107.8 |

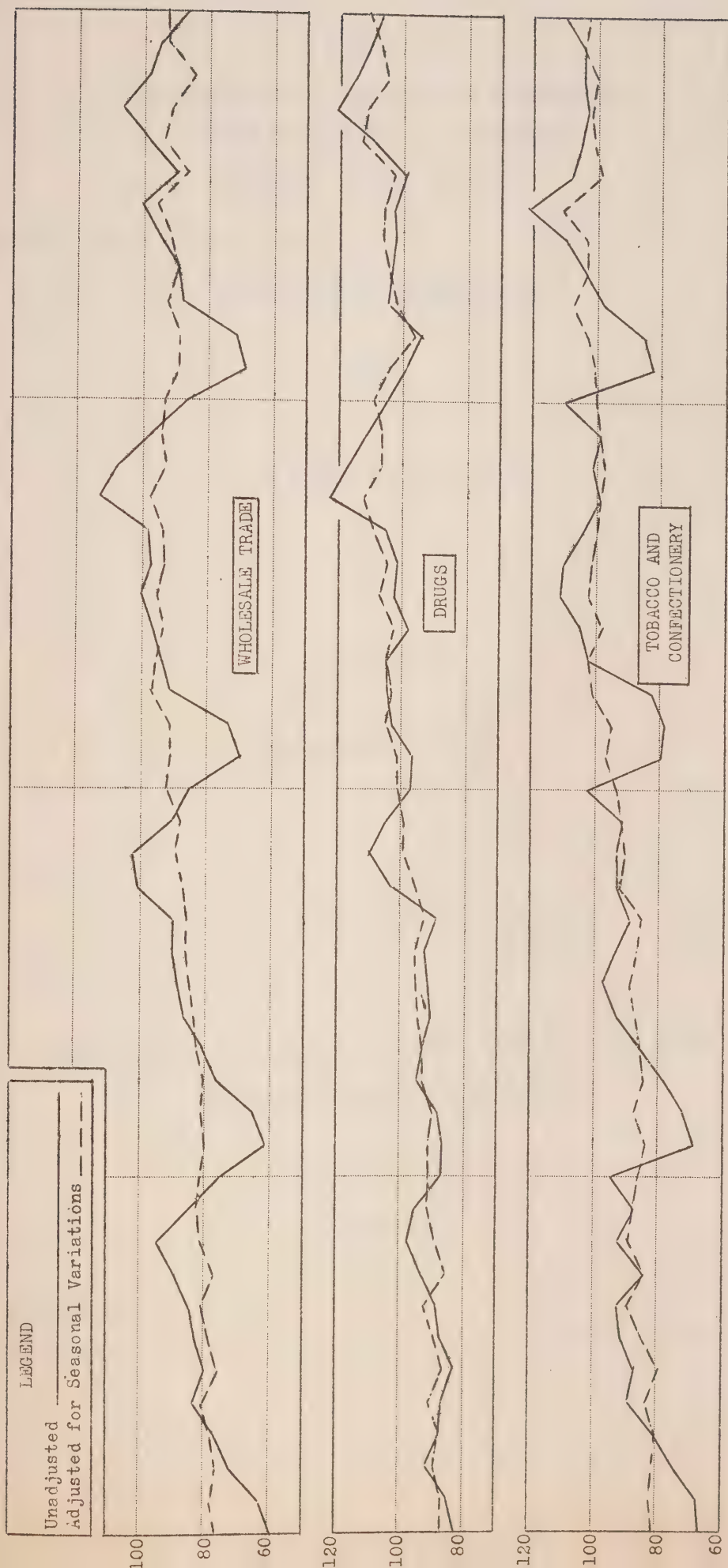
| Year and Month | DRUGS | | | CLOTHING | | FOOTWEAR | | DRY GOODS | |
|----------------|--------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------|--------|----------|--------|--------------------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes Que. & Ont. | Western Provinces | CANADA | CANADA | CANADA | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Western Provinces |
| December, 1936 | 96.7 | 101.0 | 85.3 | 82.6 | 86.4 | 66.3 | 63.7 | 63.7 | 64.1 |
| December, 1937 | 104.4 | 110.3 | 89.1 | 84.0 | 96.8 | 66.8 | 64.5 | 73.5 | 62.6 |
| December, 1938 | 106.9 | 109.9 | 98.6 | 82.7 | 80.4 | 65.2 | 63.7 | 70.0 | 61.8 |
| 1938 - January | 99.0 | 103.3 | 87.2 | 41.9 | 38.3 | 49.2 | 40.5 | 65.0 | 46.2 |
| February | 94.6 | 97.1 | 88.3 | 60.5 | 61.4 | 62.6 | 56.2 | 73.9 | 60.7 |
| March | 104.8 | 106.8 | 99.7 | 87.9 | 99.6 | 80.9 | 77.7 | 86.6 | 80.8 |
| April | 104.2 | 107.7 | 94.1 | 86.1 | 104.0 | 78.2 | 83.0 | 77.9 | 69.6 |
| May | 102.3 | 106.3 | 91.2 | 79.4 | 101.8 | 77.0 | 78.6 | 80.8 | 68.4 |
| June | 102.5 | 105.4 | 94.0 | 68.7 | 93.2 | 68.7 | 68.5 | 75.9 | 60.4 |
| July | 99.9 | 101.1 | 96.0 | 48.5 | 53.6 | 47.3 | 38.0 | 54.1 | 58.5 |
| August | 109.2 | 110.5 | 105.4 | 101.4 | 104.8 | 76.6 | 62.6 | 77.2 | 103.9 |
| September | 120.6 | 125.8 | 106.5 | 135.2 | 141.0 | 101.8 | 97.2 | 102.7 | 110.7 |
| October | 114.8 | 117.3 | 107.6 | 119.0 | 102.4 | 90.8 | 84.6 | 90.2 | 104.5 |
| November | 111.6 | 114.9 | 102.7 | 110.1 | 108.7 | 87.1 | 76.6 | 93.7 | 100.3 |
| December | 106.9 | 109.9 | 98.6 | 82.7 | 80.4 | 65.2 | 63.7 | 70.0 | 61.8 |
| Yearly Average | 105.9 | 108.8 | 97.6 | 85.1 | 90.8 | 73.8 | 68.9 | 79.0 | 77.2 |

| Year and Month | GROCERIES | | | | | FRUITS AND VEGETABLES | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|-----------------------|--------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| December, 1936 | 99.0 | 107.1 | 78.9 | 102.8 | 110.3 | 97.0 | 86.6 | 74.1 | 91.1 | 85.2 |
| December, 1937 | 99.7 | 114.7 | 86.1 | 100.7 | 107.8 | 98.6 | 87.1 | 88.6 | 97.8 | 76.7 |
| December, 1938 | 99.2 | 114.4 | 78.3 | 99.7 | 106.1 | 108.3 | 93.6 | 90.8 | 103.5 | 85.0 |
| 1938 - January | 82.1 | 93.4 | 55.6 | 83.9 | 93.2 | 87.8 | 66.3 | 70.6 | 78.7 | 50.9 |
| February | 83.3 | 89.0 | 64.2 | 82.8 | 93.2 | 90.2 | 70.1 | 86.2 | 85.4 | 49.4 |
| March | 97.4 | 106.9 | 79.2 | 93.9 | 109.3 | 105.0 | 85.7 | 95.9 | 100.6 | 65.5 |
| April | 93.5 | 97.9 | 73.2 | 93.4 | 104.4 | 100.2 | 96.3 | 104.4 | 112.6 | 72.1 |
| May | 102.3 | 116.5 | 84.7 | 99.8 | 110.6 | 112.7 | 109.1 | 120.8 | 127.6 | 83.7 |
| June | 112.9 | 120.2 | 91.2 | 114.5 | 122.2 | 120.9 | 117.2 | 136.4 | 123.0 | 99.3 |
| July | 110.3 | 119.9 | 84.5 | 108.6 | 126.5 | 116.5 | 95.7 | 77.6 | 100.5 | 99.0 |
| August | 114.1 | 117.0 | 82.3 | 107.8 | 136.1 | 127.7 | 88.4 | 71.7 | 91.7 | 95.6 |
| September | 115.7 | 119.3 | 92.8 | 112.6 | 136.7 | 114.9 | 97.0 | 106.6 | 83.4 | 102.2 |
| October | 107.3 | 118.8 | 106.4 | 99.2 | 119.9 | 101.5 | 81.5 | 78.3 | 83.4 | 83.2 |
| November | 106.2 | 116.7 | 105.3 | 102.7 | 115.4 | 98.3 | 78.0 | 75.2 | 82.0 | 76.4 |
| December | 99.2 | 114.4 | 78.3 | 99.7 | 106.1 | 108.3 | 93.6 | 90.8 | 103.5 | 85.0 |
| Yearly Average | 102.0 | 110.8 | 83.1 | 99.9 | 114.5 | 107.0 | 89.9 | 92.9 | 97.7 | 80.2 |

| Year and Month | HARDWARE | | | | TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY | | | | |
|----------------------|----------|-----------|--------|---------|---------------------------|--------|--------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces | CANADA | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| December, 1936 | 85.7 | 64.0 | 80.5 | 90.5 | 92.6 | 102.5 | 97.7 | 106.0 | 103.3 |
| December, 1937 | 83.1 | 64.7 | 85.9 | 85.3 | 87.2 | 110.3 | 108.0 | 115.0 | 106.1 |
| December, 1938 | 81.4 | 56.7 | 85.2 | 81.7 | 86.4 | 113.7 | 114.3 | 114.9 | 108.9 |
| 1938 - January | 61.3 | 47.8 | 66.2 | 62.6 | 63.0 | 82.3 | 86.5 | 82.5 | 72.7 |
| February | 64.5 | 51.2 | 63.9 | 60.6 | 69.2 | 85.3 | 92.6 | 84.3 | 74.0 |
| March | 90.8 | 78.8 | 82.3 | 82.2 | 101.1 | 99.1 | 106.6 | 98.7 | 85.7 |
| April | 100.0 | 91.7 | 101.3 | 95.5 | 106.4 | 103.8 | 113.7 | 102.0 | 88.3 |
| May | 106.3 | 87.9 | 112.3 | 100.8 | 113.0 | 109.7 | 123.4 | 108.4 | 90.1 |
| June | 108.1 | 89.4 | 107.0 | 106.7 | 116.1 | 121.2 | 144.0 | 114.7 | 97.8 |
| July | 93.0 | 81.9 | 89.5 | 82.0 | 103.7 | 107.2 | 113.5 | 110.7 | 90.4 |
| August | 102.4 | 80.2 | 98.6 | 75.4 | 119.9 | 105.6 | 102.8 | 112.8 | 97.7 |
| September | 110.7 | 88.2 | 118.4 | 95.4 | 121.4 | 103.1 | 97.0 | 108.7 | 100.0 |
| October | 104.8 | 82.0 | 104.8 | 92.9 | 116.8 | 104.2 | 101.3 | 105.2 | 99.8 |
| November | 99.5 | 77.9 | 101.9 | 90.1 | 108.7 | 104.3 | 101.8 | 104.5 | 103.3 |
| December | 81.4 | 56.7 | 85.2 | 81.7 | 86.4 | 113.7 | 114.3 | 114.9 | 108.9 |
| Yearly Average | 93.6 | 76.1 | 94.3 | 85.5 | 102.1 | 103.3 | 108.1 | 104.0 | 92.4 |

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(Average for 1930 = 100)

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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, JANUARY, 1939.
(Average Monthly Sales, 1930 = 100)

Wholesale sales in Canada averaged almost 2 per cent higher in January of this year compared with last according to reports received from some 200 wholesale firms representing nine different lines of business. This increase, while not large is significant in that it represents a reversal of the unfavourable showings which characterized corresponding months for 1937 and 1938. In view of the lower level of commodity prices compared with a year ago, the increase in the physical volume of goods purchased by the retail trade must have been considerably greater than the two per cent increase in dollar sales. The composite index for the nine lines of business stands at 69.4 for January, 1939, compared with 67.7 for December and 68.3 for January last year.

The improvement over January last year was fairly general. Only two lines of business reported lower sales while seven reported gains. Tobacco and confectionery trade was up by 7 per cent; automotive equipment was up 5 per cent and wholesale drugs gained a like amount. A pronounced gain in the footwear trade in Ontario was modified by a decline in Quebec province with the result that sales for the trade as a whole gained 3 per cent. Dry goods and fruits and vegetables gained 2 per cent while the wholesale grocery trade was up by one per cent. The clothing and hardware trades each reported 2 per cent less business than in January last year.

Combined figures for all trades indicate that wholesale sales in the Maritime Provinces were running about 6 per cent lower in January of this year compared with last. Quebec sales were on a par with a year ago; Ontario was up 1 per cent, while the Prairie Provinces and British Columbia reported gains of 4 per cent.

Inventories averaged 11 per cent lower at the end of January this year than on the corresponding date last year. Automotive equipment, clothing and fruits and vegetables reported slightly higher inventories this year than last. All other trades reported a decrease in the value of stocks on hand.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

| | Percentage Change, 1939, Compared with 1938 | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | S A L E S | | INVENTORY |
| | (1) | (2) | |
| | December, 1938 December, 1937 | January, 1939 January, 1938 | January, 1939 January, 1938 |
| Automotive Equipment | - 4.2 | + 4.8 | + 5.5 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 18.2 | - 9.5 | . |
| Ontario | - 11.6 | + 8.4 | |
| Western Provinces | + 8.1 | + 9.0 | |
| Clothing | + 2.1 | + 5.4 | - 3.7 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario | - 0.5 | + 4.1 | |
| Western Provinces | + 10.7 | + 10.9 | |
| Footwear | - 1.5 | - 1.9 | + 3.3 |
| Quebec | + 12.7 | - 3.5 | . |
| Ontario and Western Provinces | - 10.5 | + 0.1 | |
| Foodstuffs | - 16.9 | + 3.4 | - 7.2 |
| Quebec | - 17.6 | - 13.9 | |
| Ontario | - 15.4 | + 44.0 | |
| Dry Goods | - 2.8 | + 2.3 | - 17.6 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 1.2 | - 0.3 | |
| Ontario | - 4.8 | + 2.4 | |
| Western Provinces | - 2.9 | + 6.4 | |
| Fruits and Vegetables | + 6.8 | + 2.4 | + 1.4 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 2.5 | - 2.4 | . |
| Ontario | + 5.8 | + 3.5 | |
| Western Provinces | + 9.4 | + 2.9 | |
| Groceries | - 0.9 | + 0.8 | - 12.7 |
| Maritimes | - 2.2 | - 6.8 | |
| Quebec | - 9.1 | - 4.1 | |
| Ontario | - 1.0 | - 1.0 | |
| Prairies | - 1.6 | + 2.8 | |
| British Columbia | + 9.8 | + 8.0 | |
| Hardware | - 2.1 | - 2.3 | - 9.7 |
| Maritimes | - 12.3 | + 0.4 | |
| Quebec | - 0.8 | - 1.8 | |
| Ontario | - 4.2 | - 3.5 | |
| Western Provinces | - 0.9 | - 2.3 | |
| Tobacco and Confectionery | + 3.1 | + 7.2 | - 1.4 |
| Quebec | + 5.8 | + 13.3 | |
| Ontario | (a) | (a) | |
| Western Provinces | + 2.7 | + 6.4 | |
| Wholesale Trade -- | | | |
| Maritimes | - 2.5 | - 5.7 | |
| Quebec | - 4.2 | - 0.4 | |
| Ontario | - 0.6 | + 1.3 | |
| Prairies | + 2.5 | + 3.6 | |
| British Columbia | + 3.4 | + 4.2 | |
| CANADA | - 0.2 | + 1.6 | - 10.6 |

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| Year and Month | WHOLESALE TRADE | | | | | AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|----------------------|--------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| January, 1936 | 61.6 | 59.6 | 54.1 | 68.3 | 56.8 | 67.6 | 56.3 | 42.0 | 63.9 | 58.2 |
| January, 1937 | 70.0 | 72.5 | 62.5 | 76.5 | 62.1 | 81.7 | 62.5 | 52.9 | 68.4 | 62.6 |
| January, 1938 | 68.3 | 74.6 | 60.9 | 74.9 | 60.1 | 78.3 | 64.4 | 53.1 | 74.2 | 63.1 |
| January, 1939 | 69.4 | 70.3 | 60.7 | 75.9 | 62.3 | 81.6 | 67.5 | 48.1 | 80.4 | 68.8 |
| 1938 - February | 71.7 | 73.6 | 70.6 | 76.6 | 61.8 | 80.6 | 60.6 | 52.9 | 70.9 | 57.0 |
| March | 87.8 | 93.1 | 88.4 | 90.2 | 77.9 | 98.1 | 78.5 | 66.6 | 92.1 | 76.5 |
| April | 89.4 | 94.6 | 90.6 | 93.7 | 78.4 | 95.9 | 99.5 | 89.0 | 109.1 | 99.8 |
| May | 95.5 | 103.9 | 97.1 | 99.8 | 81.5 | 107.9 | 103.6 | 102.7 | 114.2 | 99.2 |
| June | 100.1 | 104.5 | 97.7 | 104.7 | 89.3 | 111.6 | 100.2 | 79.1 | 108.3 | 104.0 |
| July | 90.1 | 98.9 | 76.3 | 91.5 | 89.8 | 103.4 | 102.3 | 88.1 | 103.2 | 107.3 |
| August | 98.2 | 98.2 | 84.7 | 95.1 | 102.9 | 111.9 | 124.0 | 90.8 | 108.8 | 150.1 |
| September | 106.7 | 109.1 | 106.3 | 104.6 | 106.3 | 104.4 | 151.4 | 115.3 | 160.4 | 166.5 |
| October | 97.8 | 105.1 | 100.8 | 93.7 | 95.1 | 99.0 | 140.7 | 115.7 | 125.1 | 164.1 |
| November | 94.7 | 101.5 | 96.8 | 94.8 | 88.2 | 96.4 | 112.5 | 90.2 | 120.5 | 118.9 |
| December | 86.7 | 94.9 | 82.1 | 91.7 | 76.1 | 99.5 | 81.6 | 75.8 | 89.7 | 87.5 |
| 1939 - January | 62.4 | 70.3 | 60.7 | 75.2 | 62.3 | 81.6 | 67.5 | 48.1 | 80.4 | 68.3 |

| Year and Month | DRUGS | | | CLOTHING | | FOOTWEAR | | DRY GOODS | | |
|-----------------|--------|------------------|-------------------|----------|--------|----------|--------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes & Ont. | Western Provinces | CANADA | CANADA | CANADA | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| January, 1936 | 86.1 | 83.3 | 81.7 | 41.5 | 36.8 | 48.2 | 48.2 | 40.7 | 60.7 | 41.2 |
| January, 1937 | 96.2 | 98.2 | 90.2 | 42.6 | 51.4 | 51.4 | 51.4 | 40.9 | 66.7 | 51.6 |
| January, 1938 | 99.0 | 103.3 | 87.2 | 41.9 | 38.3 | 49.2 | 49.2 | 40.5 | 65.0 | 41.2 |
| January, 1939 | 104.3 | 107.5 | 96.7 | 41.1 | 39.6 | 50.3 | 50.3 | 40.4 | 66.6 | 41.2 |
| 1938 - February | 94.6 | 97.1 | 88.3 | 60.5 | 61.4 | 62.6 | 62.6 | 56.2 | 73.9 | 66.7 |
| March | 104.8 | 106.8 | 99.7 | 87.9 | 99.6 | 80.9 | 80.9 | 77.7 | 86.6 | 81.6 |
| April | 104.2 | 107.7 | 94.1 | 86.1 | 104.0 | 78.2 | 78.2 | 83.0 | 77.9 | 69.6 |
| May | 102.3 | 106.3 | 91.2 | 79.4 | 101.8 | 77.0 | 77.0 | 78.6 | 80.8 | 68.4 |
| June | 102.5 | 105.4 | 94.0 | 68.7 | 93.2 | 68.7 | 68.7 | 68.5 | 75.9 | 60.4 |
| July | 99.9 | 101.1 | 96.0 | 48.5 | 53.6 | 47.3 | 47.3 | 38.0 | 54.1 | 58.5 |
| August | 109.2 | 110.5 | 105.4 | 101.4 | 104.8 | 76.6 | 76.6 | 62.6 | 77.2 | 103.9 |
| September | 120.6 | 125.8 | 106.5 | 135.2 | 141.0 | 101.8 | 101.8 | 97.2 | 102.7 | 110.7 |
| October | 114.8 | 117.3 | 107.6 | 119.0 | 102.4 | 90.8 | 90.8 | 84.6 | 90.2 | 104.5 |
| November | 111.6 | 114.9 | 102.7 | 110.1 | 108.7 | 87.1 | 87.1 | 76.6 | 93.7 | 100.3 |
| December | 106.6 | 109.7 | 98.6 | 82.7 | 80.4 | 64.9 | 64.9 | 63.7 | 70.0 | 60.8 |
| 1939 - January | 104.3 | 107.5 | 96.7 | 41.1 | 39.6 | 50.3 | 50.3 | 40.4 | 66.6 | 49.2 |

| Year and Month | GROCERIES | | | | | | FRUITS AND VEGETABLES | | | |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| January, 1936 | 77.8 | 72.9 | 53.4 | 82.4 | 92.2 | 77.6 | 54.8 | 54.9 | 65.0 | 42.8 |
| January, 1937 | 86.5 | 89.0 | 63.0 | 88.7 | 96.6 | 94.7 | 65.0 | 61.1 | 80.3 | 50.7 |
| January, 1938 | 82.1 | 93.4 | 55.6 | 83.9 | 93.2 | 87.8 | 66.3 | 70.6 | 78.7 | 50.9 |
| January, 1939 | 82.8 | 87.0 | 53.3 | 83.1 | 95.8 | 94.8 | 67.9 | 68.9 | 81.5 | 52.4 |
| 1938 - February | 83.3 | 89.0 | 64.2 | 82.8 | 93.2 | 90.2 | 70.1 | 86.2 | 85.4 | 49.4 |
| March | 97.4 | 106.9 | 79.2 | 93.9 | 109.3 | 105.0 | 85.7 | 95.9 | 100.6 | 65.5 |
| April | 93.5 | 97.9 | 73.2 | 93.4 | 104.4 | 100.2 | 96.3 | 104.4 | 112.6 | 72.1 |
| May | 102.3 | 116.5 | 84.7 | 99.8 | 110.6 | 112.7 | 109.1 | 120.8 | 127.6 | 83.7 |
| June | 112.9 | 120.2 | 91.2 | 114.5 | 122.2 | 120.9 | 117.2 | 136.4 | 123.0 | 99.3 |
| July | 110.3 | 119.9 | 84.5 | 108.6 | 126.5 | 116.5 | 95.7 | 77.6 | 100.5 | 99.0 |
| August | 114.1 | 117.0 | 82.3 | 107.8 | 136.1 | 127.7 | 88.4 | 71.7 | 91.7 | 95.6 |
| September | 115.7 | 119.3 | 92.8 | 112.6 | 136.7 | 114.9 | 97.0 | 106.6 | 83.4 | 102.2 |
| October | 107.3 | 118.8 | 106.4 | 99.2 | 119.9 | 101.5 | 81.5 | 78.3 | 83.4 | 83.2 |
| November | 106.2 | 116.7 | 105.3 | 102.7 | 115.4 | 98.3 | 78.0 | 75.2 | 82.0 | 76.4 |
| December | 98.8 | 112.2 | 78.3 | 99.7 | 106.1 | 108.3 | 93.0 | 90.8 | 103.5 | 83.9 |
| 1939 - January | 82.8 | 87.0 | 53.3 | 83.1 | 95.8 | 94.8 | 67.9 | 68.9 | 81.5 | 52.4 |

| Year and Month | HARDWARE | | | | TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY | | | | |
|-----------------|----------|-----------|--------|---------|---------------------------|--------|--------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces | CANADA | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| January, 1936 | 48.8 | 38.7 | 49.5 | 50.1 | 51.3 | 68.9 | 65.7 | 73.4 | 66.2 |
| January, 1937 | 61.7 | 51.5 | 63.2 | 63.2 | 64.2 | 79.4 | 85.5 | 77.7 | 69.6 |
| January, 1938 | 61.3 | 47.8 | 66.2 | 62.6 | 63.0 | 82.3 | 86.5 | 82.5 | 72.7 |
| January, 1939 | 59.9 | 48.0 | 65.0 | 60.4 | 61.6 | 88.2 | 98.0 | 82.5 | 77.4 |
| 1938 - February | 64.5 | 51.2 | 63.9 | 60.6 | 69.2 | 85.3 | 92.6 | 84.3 | 74.0 |
| March | 90.8 | 78.8 | 82.3 | 82.2 | 101.1 | 99.1 | 106.6 | 98.7 | 85.7 |
| April | 100.0 | 91.7 | 101.3 | 95.5 | 106.4 | 103.8 | 113.7 | 102.0 | 88.3 |
| May | 106.3 | 87.9 | 112.3 | 100.8 | 113.0 | 109.7 | 123.4 | 108.4 | 90.1 |
| June | 108.1 | 89.4 | 107.0 | 106.7 | 116.1 | 121.2 | 144.0 | 114.7 | 97.8 |
| July | 93.0 | 81.9 | 89.5 | 82.0 | 103.7 | 107.2 | 113.5 | 110.7 | 90.4 |
| August | 102.4 | 80.2 | 98.6 | 75.4 | 119.9 | 105.6 | 102.8 | 112.8 | 97.7 |
| September | 110.7 | 88.2 | 118.4 | 95.4 | 121.4 | 103.1 | 97.0 | 108.7 | 100.0 |
| October | 104.8 | 82.0 | 104.8 | 92.9 | 116.8 | 104.2 | 101.3 | 105.2 | 99.8 |
| November | 99.5 | 77.9 | 101.9 | 90.1 | 108.7 | 104.3 | 101.8 | 104.5 | 103.3 |
| December | 81.4 | 56.7 | 85.2 | 81.7 | 86.4 | 113.7 | 114.3 | 115.0 | 109.0 |
| 1939 - January | 59.9 | 48.0 | 65.0 | 60.4 | 61.6 | 88.2 | 98.0 | 82.5 | 77.4 |

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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, FEBRUARY, 1939
(Average Monthly Sales, 1930=100)

The dollar value of wholesale sales in Canada in February was down 0.6 per cent from February of last year but was 2.9 per cent greater than in January, according to reports received from some 200 wholesale firms representative of nine different lines of trade throughout Canada. The index of wholesale sales stood at 71.3 for February compared with 69.3 for January and 71.7 for February, 1938. The cumulative index for the first two months of 1939 was 0.4 per cent above that for the corresponding period of 1938.

The narrowing of the spread between the corresponding months of consecutive years, which began toward the end of 1938, was continued through January and February of the present year. Wholesale sales of tobacco and confectionery, which throughout 1938 regularly recorded increases over 1937, again recorded increases over the corresponding month of 1938, sales during February being 2.8 per cent greater than February of last year. Sales of drugs which had held up reasonably during 1938 were up 8.8 over February, 1938. Sales of automotive equipment were up 2.7 per cent over February of last year due mainly to the increase of 9.1 per cent in the Western Provinces. Decreases in sales of automotive equipment were recorded throughout the rest of Canada. It may be noted here that sales of radios and radio supplies are included by automotive dealers in reporting their monthly sales and the sharp decline in the December sales of radios was largely responsible for the drop in the sales index for the automotive trade. February sales of footwear were 7.2 per cent greater than in the corresponding month of the previous year.

Wholesale sales of hardware in February were 5.9 per cent lower than in February, 1938, the drop being most pronounced in the Maritime Provinces. Dry goods recorded a loss of 7.1 per cent compared with the corresponding month of last year. Sales of fruits and vegetables were down 0.8 per cent and groceries 0.3 per cent although there were increases in certain sections of the Dominion in each of these trades.

Combined wholesale sales for all trades for British Columbia were 0.7 per cent greater in February of this year than February, 1938. Sales in the Prairie Provinces were also up 0.2 per cent. Wholesale sales in the Maritime Provinces were 4.8 per cent below the corresponding month of last year, Quebec sales were down 1.4 per cent and Ontario down 0.6 per cent.

The inventory value on February 28th for all lines of trade combined was 8.1 per cent below the stock value of the same date last year. The value of stocks on hand in the dry goods trade was down 11.5 per cent; footwear, 11.2 per cent; groceries, 9.8 per cent; hardware, 7.0 per cent; drugs, 4.6 per cent; clothing, 4.1 per cent; and fruits and vegetables, 6 per cent. On the other hand, the inventory value in the automotive equipment trade compared with the same date of the previous year was up 2 per cent; while tobacco and confectionery stocks were also up 0.8 per cent.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

| | Percentage Change, 1939, Compared with 1938 | | | |
|---------------------------------|---|------------|----------------|------------|
| | S A L E S | | | INVENTORY |
| | (1) | (2) | First | |
| | Jan., 1939 | Feb., 1939 | 2 months, 1939 | |
| | Jan., 1938 | Feb., 1938 | First | Feb., 1939 |
| | | | 2 months, 1938 | Feb., 1938 |
| Automotive Equipment | + 4.4 | + 2.7 | + 3.5 | + 4.2 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 9.5 | - 2.7 | | |
| Ontario | + 7.0 | - 2.5 | | |
| Western Provinces | + 9.0 | + 9.1 | | |
| Rugs | + 3.9 | + 8.8 | + 6.3 | - 4.6 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario . | + 3.5 | + 10.3 | | |
| Western Provinces | + 5.2 | + 4.6 | | |
| Clothing | - 1.7 | - 0.1 | - 0.8 | - 4.1 |
| Quebec | - 3.5 | - 5.7 | | |
| Ontario and Western Provinces . | + 0.2 | + 4.3 | | |
| Footwear | + 3.4 | + 7.2 | + 5.7 | - 11.2 |
| Quebec | - 13.9 | + 5.5 | | |
| Ontario | + 44.0 | + 10.6 | | |
| Dry Goods | + 2.1 | - 7.1 | - 3.0 | - 11.5 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 2.2 | - 7.2 | | |
| Ontario | + 3.9 | - 9.5 | | |
| Western Provinces | + 6.4 | - 3.2 | | |
| Fruits and Vegetables | + 1.8 | - 0.8 | + 0.4 | - 1.6 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 4.0 | + 3.1 | | |
| Ontario | + 3.5 | - 2.6 | | |
| Western Provinces | + 2.9 | - 1.0 | | |
| Groceries | + 0.8 | - 0.3 | + 0.3 | - 9.8 |
| Maritimes | - 6.8 | - 2.7 | | |
| Quebec | - 4.1 | - 3.0 | | |
| Ontario | - 1.0 | + 0.4 | | |
| Prairies | + 2.8 | (a) | | |
| British Columbia | + 8.0 | + 1.4 | | |
| Hardware | - 2.4 | - 5.9 | - 4.2 | - 7.0 |
| Maritimes | + 0.4 | - 27.0 | | |
| Quebec | - 2.9 | - 7.1 | | |
| Ontario | - 3.1 | - 11.8 | | |
| Western Provinces | - 2.3 | - 1.2 | | |
| Tobacco and Confectionery | + 7.2 | + 2.8 | + 5.0 | + 0.8 |
| Quebec | + 13.3 | + 5.1 | | |
| Ontario | (a) | + 0.1 | | |
| Western Provinces | + 6.4 | + 2.5 | | |
| Wholesale Trade -- | | | | |
| Maritimes | - 5.6 | - 4.8 | | |
| Quebec | - 1.1 | - 1.4 | | |
| Ontario | + 1.4 | - 0.6 | | |
| Prairies | + 3.5 | + 0.2 | | |
| British Columbia | + 3.8 | + 0.7 | | |
| CANADA | + 1.4 | - 0.6 | + 0.4 | - 8.1 |

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 () Preliminary
 () No change

| Date | | Description | | Amount | |
|------|-------|-------------|--------|--------|--|
| 1917 | Jan 1 | Balance | | 100.00 | |
| | | Jan 5 | Jan 5 | 10.00 | |
| | | Jan 10 | Jan 10 | 20.00 | |
| | | Jan 15 | Jan 15 | 30.00 | |
| | | Jan 20 | Jan 20 | 40.00 | |
| | | Jan 25 | Jan 25 | 50.00 | |
| | | Jan 30 | Jan 30 | 60.00 | |
| | | Jan 31 | Jan 31 | 70.00 | |
| | | Feb 1 | Feb 1 | 80.00 | |
| | | Feb 5 | Feb 5 | 90.00 | |
| | | Feb 10 | Feb 10 | 100.00 | |
| | | Feb 15 | Feb 15 | 110.00 | |
| | | Feb 20 | Feb 20 | 120.00 | |
| | | Feb 25 | Feb 25 | 130.00 | |
| | | Feb 30 | Feb 30 | 140.00 | |
| | | Feb 31 | Feb 31 | 150.00 | |
| | | Mar 1 | Mar 1 | 160.00 | |
| | | Mar 5 | Mar 5 | 170.00 | |
| | | Mar 10 | Mar 10 | 180.00 | |
| | | Mar 15 | Mar 15 | 190.00 | |
| | | Mar 20 | Mar 20 | 200.00 | |
| | | Mar 25 | Mar 25 | 210.00 | |
| | | Mar 30 | Mar 30 | 220.00 | |
| | | Mar 31 | Mar 31 | 230.00 | |
| | | Apr 1 | Apr 1 | 240.00 | |
| | | Apr 5 | Apr 5 | 250.00 | |
| | | Apr 10 | Apr 10 | 260.00 | |
| | | Apr 15 | Apr 15 | 270.00 | |
| | | Apr 20 | Apr 20 | 280.00 | |
| | | Apr 25 | Apr 25 | 290.00 | |
| | | Apr 30 | Apr 30 | 300.00 | |
| | | Apr 31 | Apr 31 | 310.00 | |
| | | May 1 | May 1 | 320.00 | |
| | | May 5 | May 5 | 330.00 | |
| | | May 10 | May 10 | 340.00 | |
| | | May 15 | May 15 | 350.00 | |
| | | May 20 | May 20 | 360.00 | |
| | | May 25 | May 25 | 370.00 | |
| | | May 30 | May 30 | 380.00 | |
| | | May 31 | May 31 | 390.00 | |
| | | Jun 1 | Jun 1 | 400.00 | |
| | | Jun 5 | Jun 5 | 410.00 | |
| | | Jun 10 | Jun 10 | 420.00 | |
| | | Jun 15 | Jun 15 | 430.00 | |
| | | Jun 20 | Jun 20 | 440.00 | |
| | | Jun 25 | Jun 25 | 450.00 | |
| | | Jun 30 | Jun 30 | 460.00 | |
| | | Jun 31 | Jun 31 | 470.00 | |
| | | Jul 1 | Jul 1 | 480.00 | |
| | | Jul 5 | Jul 5 | 490.00 | |
| | | Jul 10 | Jul 10 | 500.00 | |
| | | Jul 15 | Jul 15 | 510.00 | |
| | | Jul 20 | Jul 20 | 520.00 | |
| | | Jul 25 | Jul 25 | 530.00 | |
| | | Jul 30 | Jul 30 | 540.00 | |
| | | Jul 31 | Jul 31 | 550.00 | |
| | | Aug 1 | Aug 1 | 560.00 | |
| | | Aug 5 | Aug 5 | 570.00 | |
| | | Aug 10 | Aug 10 | 580.00 | |
| | | Aug 15 | Aug 15 | 590.00 | |
| | | Aug 20 | Aug 20 | 600.00 | |
| | | Aug 25 | Aug 25 | 610.00 | |
| | | Aug 30 | Aug 30 | 620.00 | |
| | | Aug 31 | Aug 31 | 630.00 | |
| | | Sep 1 | Sep 1 | 640.00 | |
| | | Sep 5 | Sep 5 | 650.00 | |
| | | Sep 10 | Sep 10 | 660.00 | |
| | | Sep 15 | Sep 15 | 670.00 | |
| | | Sep 20 | Sep 20 | 680.00 | |
| | | Sep 25 | Sep 25 | 690.00 | |
| | | Sep 30 | Sep 30 | 700.00 | |
| | | Sep 31 | Sep 31 | 710.00 | |
| | | Oct 1 | Oct 1 | 720.00 | |
| | | Oct 5 | Oct 5 | 730.00 | |
| | | Oct 10 | Oct 10 | 740.00 | |
| | | Oct 15 | Oct 15 | 750.00 | |
| | | Oct 20 | Oct 20 | 760.00 | |
| | | Oct 25 | Oct 25 | 770.00 | |
| | | Oct 30 | Oct 30 | 780.00 | |
| | | Oct 31 | Oct 31 | 790.00 | |
| | | Nov 1 | Nov 1 | 800.00 | |
| | | Nov 5 | Nov 5 | 810.00 | |
| | | Nov 10 | Nov 10 | 820.00 | |
| | | Nov 15 | Nov 15 | 830.00 | |
| | | Nov 20 | Nov 20 | 840.00 | |
| | | Nov 25 | Nov 25 | 850.00 | |
| | | Nov 30 | Nov 30 | 860.00 | |
| | | Nov 31 | Nov 31 | 870.00 | |
| | | Dec 1 | Dec 1 | 880.00 | |
| | | Dec 5 | Dec 5 | 890.00 | |
| | | Dec 10 | Dec 10 | 900.00 | |
| | | Dec 15 | Dec 15 | 910.00 | |
| | | Dec 20 | Dec 20 | 920.00 | |
| | | Dec 25 | Dec 25 | 930.00 | |
| | | Dec 30 | Dec 30 | 940.00 | |
| | | Dec 31 | Dec 31 | 950.00 | |

| Year and Month | WHOLESALE TRADE | | | | | | AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT | | | |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| February, 1936 | 65.5 | 62.0 | 62.7 | 70.4 | 58.1 | 74.4 | 50.0 | 42.2 | 58.6 | 48.0 |
| February, 1937 | 73.8 | 72.7 | 71.5 | 78.4 | 65.9 | 81.8 | 61.1 | 53.3 | 68.2 | 59.3 |
| February, 1938 | 71.7 | 73.6 | 70.6 | 76.6 | 61.8 | 80.6 | 60.6 | 52.9 | 70.9 | 57.0 |
| February, 1939 | 71.3 | 70.1 | 69.6 | 76.1 | 61.1 | 81.2 | 62.2 | 51.5 | 69.1 | 62.2 |
| 1938 - March | 87.8 | 93.1 | 88.4 | 90.2 | 77.9 | 98.1 | 78.5 | 66.6 | 92.1 | 76.5 |
| April | 89.4 | 94.6 | 90.6 | 93.7 | 78.4 | 95.9 | 99.5 | 89.0 | 109.1 | 99.8 |
| May | 95.5 | 103.9 | 97.1 | 99.8 | 81.5 | 107.9 | 103.6 | 102.7 | 114.2 | 99.2 |
| June | 100.1 | 104.5 | 97.7 | 104.7 | 89.3 | 111.6 | 100.2 | 79.1 | 108.3 | 104.0 |
| July | 90.1 | 98.9 | 76.3 | 91.5 | 89.8 | 103.4 | 102.3 | 88.1 | 103.2 | 107.3 |
| August | 98.2 | 98.2 | 84.7 | 95.1 | 102.9 | 111.9 | 124.0 | 90.8 | 108.8 | 150.1 |
| September | 106.7 | 109.1 | 106.3 | 104.6 | 106.3 | 104.4 | 151.4 | 115.3 | 160.4 | 166.5 |
| October | 97.8 | 105.1 | 100.8 | 93.7 | 95.1 | 99.0 | 140.7 | 115.7 | 125.1 | 164.1 |
| November | 94.7 | 101.5 | 96.8 | 94.8 | 88.2 | 96.4 | 112.5 | 90.2 | 120.5 | 118.9 |
| December | 86.7 | 94.9 | 82.1 | 91.7 | 76.1 | 99.5 | 81.6 | 75.8 | 89.7 | 87.5 |
| 1939 - January | 69.3 | 70.4 | 60.2 | 75.9 | 62.2 | 81.3 | 67.2 | 48.1 | 79.4 | 68.8 |
| February | 71.3 | 70.1 | 62.6 | 76.1 | 61.1 | 81.2 | 62.2 | 51.5 | 69.1 | 62.2 |

| Year and Month | DRUGS | | | CLOTHING | | FOOTWEAR | | DRY GOODS | | |
|----------------|---------|--------------------------|----------------------|----------|---------|----------|-----------------------|-----------|----------------------|--|
| | Can.Ada | Maritimes Que. & Ont. | Western Provinces | Can.Ada | Can.Ada | Can.Ada | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces | |
| February, 1936 | 88.7 | 91.7 | 80.9 | 59.3 | 55.4 | 59.4 | 52.0 | 69.3 | 61.5 | |
| February, 1937 | 103.2 | 106.9 | 93.8 | 67.7 | 76.6 | 70.7 | 63.1 | 83.6 | 69.4 | |
| February, 1938 | 94.6 | 97.1 | 88.3 | 60.5 | 61.4 | 62.6 | 56.2 | 73.9 | 60.7 | |
| February, 1939 | 102.9 | 107.1 | 92.4 | 60.4 | 65.8 | 58.2 | 52.2 | 66.9 | 58.8 | |
| 1938 - March | 104.8 | 106.8 | 99.7 | 87.9 | 99.6 | 80.9 | 77.7 | 86.6 | 80.8 | |
| April | 104.2 | 107.7 | 94.1 | 86.1 | 104.0 | 78.2 | 83.0 | 77.9 | 69.6 | |
| May | 102.3 | 106.3 | 91.2 | 79.4 | 101.8 | 77.0 | 78.6 | 80.8 | 68.4 | |
| June | 102.5 | 105.4 | 94.0 | 68.7 | 93.2 | 68.7 | 68.5 | 75.9 | 60.4 | |
| July | 99.9 | 101.1 | 96.0 | 48.5 | 53.6 | 47.3 | 38.0 | 54.1 | 58.5 | |
| August | 109.2 | 110.5 | 105.4 | 101.4 | 104.8 | 76.6 | 62.6 | 77.2 | 103.9 | |
| September | 120.6 | 125.8 | 106.5 | 135.2 | 141.0 | 101.8 | 97.2 | 102.7 | 110.7 | |
| October | 114.8 | 117.3 | 107.6 | 119.0 | 102.4 | 90.8 | 84.6 | 90.2 | 104.5 | |
| November | 111.6 | 114.9 | 102.7 | 110.1 | 108.7 | 87.1 | 76.6 | 93.7 | 100.3 | |
| December | 106.6 | 109.7 | 98.6 | 82.7 | 80.4 | 64.9 | 63.7 | 70.0 | 60.8 | |
| 1939 - January | 102.9 | 106.9 | 91.7 | 41.2 | 39.6 | 50.2 | 39.6 | 67.5 | 49.2 | |
| February | 102.9 | 107.1 | 92.4 | 60.4 | 65.8 | 58.2 | 52.2 | 66.9 | 58.8 | |

| Year and Month | CROPS | | | | | FRUITS AND VEGETABLES | | | | |
|----------------|--------|-----------|--------|---------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Grain Provinces | British Columbia | SANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| February, 1926 | 79.8 | 77.0 | 61.6 | 82.5 | 83.7 | 85.6 | 58.0 | 61.8 | 70.8 | 43.2 |
| February, 1937 | 83.9 | 85.5 | 63.5 | 83.2 | 94.0 | 93.3 | 68.6 | 72.0 | 80.6 | 53.4 |
| February, 1938 | 83.3 | 89.0 | 64.2 | 82.8 | 93.2 | 90.2 | 70.1 | 86.2 | 85.4 | 49.4 |
| February, 1939 | 83.1 | 86.6 | 62.5 | 83.1 | 93.2 | 91.5 | 69.5 | 88.9 | 83.2 | 48.9 |
| 1938 - March | 97.4 | 106.2 | 79.2 | 93.9 | 109.3 | 105.0 | 85.7 | 95.9 | 100.6 | 65.5 |
| April | 93.5 | 97.9 | 73.2 | 93.4 | 104.4 | 100.2 | 96.3 | 104.4 | 112.6 | 72.1 |
| May | 102.3 | 116.5 | 84.7 | 95.8 | 110.6 | 112.7 | 109.1 | 120.8 | 127.6 | 83.7 |
| June | 112.9 | 120.2 | 91.2 | 114.5 | 122.2 | 120.9 | 117.2 | 136.4 | 123.0 | 99.3 |
| July | 110.3 | 119.9 | 84.5 | 108.6 | 126.5 | 116.5 | 95.7 | 77.6 | 100.5 | 99.0 |
| August | 114.1 | 117.0 | 62.3 | 109.8 | 136.1 | 127.7 | 88.4 | 71.7 | 91.7 | 95.6 |
| September | 115.7 | 119.3 | 92.8 | 112.6 | 136.7 | 114.9 | 97.0 | 106.6 | 83.4 | 102.2 |
| October | 107.3 | 118.8 | 106.4 | 99.2 | 119.9 | 101.5 | 81.5 | 78.3 | 83.4 | 83.2 |
| November | 106.2 | 116.7 | 105.3 | 102.7 | 115.4 | 98.3 | 78.0 | 75.2 | 82.0 | 76.4 |
| December | 98.8 | 112.2 | 78.3 | 99.7 | 106.1 | 108.3 | 93.0 | 90.8 | 103.5 | 83.9 |
| 1939 - January | 82.8 | 87.0 | 53.3 | 83.1 | 95.8 | 94.8 | 67.5 | 67.8 | 81.5 | 52.4 |
| February | 83.1 | 86.6 | 62.5 | 83.1 | 93.2 | 91.5 | 68.5 | 88.8 | 83.2 | 48.9 |

| Year and Month | Canada | | | | | TOP CROPS AND COUNTRY | | | | |
|----------------|--------|-----------|--------|---------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------|---------|-------------------|--|
| | Can.A. | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces | Can.A. | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces | |
| February, 1936 | 52.0 | 35.6 | 45.7 | 46.0 | 63.5 | 72.3 | 73.7 | 73.4 | 67.3 | |
| February, 1937 | 68.8 | 49.4 | 64.1 | 68.0 | 75.4 | 78.5 | 80.7 | 78.8 | 72.8 | |
| February, 1938 | 64.5 | 51.2 | 63.9 | 60.6 | 69.2 | 85.3 | 92.6 | 84.3 | 74.0 | |
| February, 1939 | 60.7 | 37.4 | 59.4 | 53.4 | 68.4 | 87.7 | 97.3 | 84.4 | 75.9 | |
| 1938 - March | 90.8 | 78.8 | 82.3 | 82.2 | 101.1 | 99.1 | 106.6 | 98.7 | 85.7 | |
| April | 100.0 | 91.7 | 101.3 | 95.5 | 106.4 | 103.8 | 113.7 | 102.0 | 88.3 | |
| May | 106.3 | 87.9 | 112.3 | 100.8 | 113.0 | 109.7 | 123.4 | 108.4 | 90.1 | |
| June | 108.1 | 89.4 | 107.0 | 106.7 | 116.1 | 121.2 | 144.0 | 114.7 | 97.8 | |
| July | 93.0 | 81.9 | 89.5 | 82.0 | 103.7 | 107.2 | 113.5 | 110.7 | 90.4 | |
| August | 102.4 | 80.2 | 98.6 | 75.4 | 119.9 | 105.6 | 102.8 | 112.8 | 97.7 | |
| September | 110.7 | 88.2 | 118.4 | 95.4 | 121.4 | 103.1 | 97.0 | 108.7 | 100.0 | |
| October | 104.8 | 82.0 | 104.8 | 92.9 | 116.8 | 104.2 | 101.3 | 105.2 | 99.8 | |
| November | 99.5 | 77.9 | 101.9 | 90.1 | 108.7 | 104.3 | 101.8 | 104.5 | 103.3 | |
| December | 81.4 | 56.7 | 85.2 | 81.7 | 86.4 | 113.7 | 114.3 | 115.0 | 109.0 | |
| 1939 - January | 59.8 | 48.0 | 64.3 | 60.7 | 61.6 | 88.2 | 98.0 | 82.5 | 77.4 | |
| February | 60.7 | 31.4 | 59.4 | 53.4 | 68.4 | 87.7 | 97.3 | 84.4 | 75.9 | |

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The dollar value of wholesale sales in Canada in March was maintained at the level of the corresponding month of last year according to reports received from some 200 wholesale firms representative of nine different lines of trade throughout Canada. The index of wholesale sales stood at 87.4 for March compared with 71.2 for February and 87.8 for March, 1938. The cumulative index for the first three months of 1939 showed no change from that of the corresponding period of the previous year.

Wholesale sales of footwear which were down during 1938 have shown improvement since the beginning of the year. In March they were 22 per cent above sales for March last year. The improvement was general throughout Eastern Canada. Wholesale sales of drugs were also up 10 per cent over March, 1938. Sales of fruits and vegetables were up 3 per cent while groceries recorded no change from March last year. The gains in sales of fruit and vegetables were made in the Eastern provinces while groceries recorded increased sales in Ontario and the western provinces with losses being recorded in Quebec and the Maritimes.

Wholesale sales of dry goods in March were 9 per cent below those of March last year, the greatest drop being recorded in Ontario. Sales of hardware were down 7 per cent. Following a year of consistently increased sales the automotive equipment trade showed a decline of 5 per cent while sales of clothing were 7 per cent below those of March, 1938.

Combined wholesale sales for all trades for all sections of Canada, with the exception of the Maritime Provinces, were maintained at the same level as March, 1938. In the Maritime Provinces, where persistently low prices for fish and depressed conditions in the coal and lumber trades have been reflected in every line of business, a decrease of 4 per cent was recorded in the dollar value of wholesale sales.

The inventory value on March 31 for all lines of trade combined was 7 per cent below the stock value of the same date last year. The value of stocks on hand in the footwear trade was down 23 per cent; dry goods, 10 per cent; groceries, 9 per cent; tobacco and confectionery, 7 per cent; drugs, 6 per cent; clothing, 4 per cent; hardware, 3 per cent; and fruits and vegetables, unchanged. The inventory value, on the other hand, in the automotive equipment trade compared with the same date of the previous year was up 10 per cent.

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Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

| | Percentage Change, 1939, Compared with 1938 | | | |
|----------------------------------|---|-------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | S A L E S | | | I N V E N T O R Y |
| | (1) | (2) | First | |
| | Feb., 1939 | March, 1939 | 3 months, 1939 | |
| | Feb., 1938 | March, 1938 | First | March, 1939 |
| | Feb., 1938 | March, 1938 | 3 month, 1938 | March, 1938 |
| Automotive Equipment | + 3.5 | - 5.4 | + 0.3 | + 10.3 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 2.7 | + 7.0 | | |
| Ontario | + 0.4 | - 9.8 | | |
| Western Provinces | + 9.1 | - 7.4 | | |
| Drugs | + 8.7 | + 10.1 | + 7.6 | - 6.2 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .. | + 10.1 | + 11.1 | | |
| Western Provinces | + 4.6 | + 7.3 | | |
| Clothing | - 0.1 | - 6.7 | - 3.5 | - 4.4 |
| Quebec | - 5.7 | + 2.7 | | |
| Ontario and Western Provinces .. | + 4.3 | - 9.0 | | |
| Footwear | + 9.9 | + 22.3 | + 14.9 | - 22.7 |
| Quebec | + 5.5 | + 28.5 | | |
| Ontario | + 17.5 | + 12.2 | | |
| Dry Goods | - 7.7 | - 8.7 | - 5.6 | - 10.9 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 7.2 | - 9.1 | | |
| Ontario | - 9.9 | - 11.6 | | |
| Western Provinces | - 5.1 | - 2.8 | | |
| Fruits and Vegetables | - 0.9 | + 2.7 | + 1.3 | - 0.2 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 3.1 | + 6.0 | | |
| Ontario | - 3.3 | + 4.8 | | |
| Western Provinces | - 0.4 | - 0.6 | | |
| Groceries | - 0.2 | + 0.4 | + 0.3 | - 9.4 |
| Maritimes | - 2.7 | - 2.7 | | |
| Quebec | - 3.0 | - 3.3 | | |
| Ontario | + 0.4 | + 1.0 | | |
| Prairies | + 0.2 | + 0.6 | | |
| British Columbia | + 1.4 | + 3.7 | | |
| Hardware | - 5.9 | - 7.0 | - 5.4 | - 3.2 |
| Maritimes | - 27.0 | - 21.0 | | |
| Quebec | - 7.1 | - 2.4 | | |
| Ontario | - 11.8 | - 10.7 | | |
| Western Provinces | - 1.2 | - 5.7 | | |
| Tobacco and Confectionery | + 2.8 | - 0.7 | + 2.8 | - 7.5 |
| Quebec | + 5.1 | - 2.0 | | |
| Ontario | + 0.1 | - 1.7 | | |
| Western Provinces | + 2.5 | + 2.3 | | |
| Wholesale Trade - | | | | |
| Maritimes | - 5.0 | - 4.5 | | |
| Quebec | - 1.3 | - 0.1 | | |
| Ontario | - 0.7 | - 0.1 | | |
| Prairies | + 0.2 | - 0.9 | | |
| British Columbia | + 0.7 | + 0.6 | | |
| CANADA | - 0.7 | - 0.5 | (a) | - 6.9 |

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) Preliminary

) No change

| Year and Month | WHOLESALE TRADE | | | | | AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|----------------------|--------|--------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec |
| March, 1936 | 76.2 | 74.5 | 77.0 | 80.0 | 68.6 | 79.7 | 65.6 | 75.3 |
| March, 1937 | 91.4 | 93.0 | 89.7 | 91.5 | 84.3 | 104.8 | 76.1 | 86.2 |
| March, 1938 | 87.8 | 93.1 | 88.4 | 90.2 | 77.9 | 98.1 | 78.5 | 92.1 |
| March, 1939 | 87.4 | 88.9 | 88.3 | 90.1 | 77.2 | 98.7 | 74.3 | 83.1 |
| 1938 - April | 89.4 | 94.6 | 90.6 | 93.7 | 78.4 | 95.9 | 99.5 | 109.1 |
| May | 95.5 | 103.9 | 97.1 | 99.8 | 81.5 | 107.9 | 103.6 | 114.2 |
| June | 100.1 | 104.5 | 97.7 | 104.7 | 89.3 | 111.6 | 100.2 | 108.3 |
| July | 90.1 | 98.9 | 76.3 | 91.5 | 89.8 | 103.4 | 102.3 | 103.2 |
| August | 98.2 | 98.2 | 84.7 | 95.1 | 102.9 | 111.9 | 124.0 | 108.8 |
| September | 106.7 | 109.1 | 106.3 | 104.6 | 106.3 | 104.4 | 151.4 | 160.4 |
| October | 97.8 | 105.1 | 100.8 | 93.7 | 95.1 | 99.0 | 140.7 | 125.1 |
| November | 94.7 | 101.5 | 96.8 | 94.8 | 88.2 | 96.4 | 112.5 | 120.5 |
| December | 86.7 | 94.9 | 82.1 | 91.7 | 76.1 | 99.5 | 81.6 | 89.7 |
| 1939 - January | 69.2 | 70.4 | 60.2 | 75.9 | 62.1 | 81.3 | 67.2 | 79.4 |
| February | 71.2 | 69.9 | 69.7 | 76.1 | 61.1 | 81.2 | 62.7 | 71.2 |
| March | 87.4 | 88.9 | 88.3 | 90.1 | 77.2 | 98.7 | 74.3 | 83.1 |

| Year and Month | DRUGS | | | | | CLOTHING | | | FOOTWEAR | | | DRY GOODS | | |
|----------------------|--------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------|--------|----------|--------|--------|----------|--------------------|---------|-----------|--------------------|---------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes Que. & Ont. | Western Provinces | Ontario | CANADA | CANADA | CANADA | CANADA | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario |
| March, 1936 | 94.7 | 96.5 | 89.5 | 89.5 | 79.2 | 103.6 | 77.9 | 78.6 | 81.4 | 72.6 | 81.4 | 77.9 | 78.6 | 81.4 |
| March, 1937 | 104.8 | 108.9 | 94.1 | 94.1 | 98.6 | 103.8 | 85.1 | 82.1 | 89.6 | 86.0 | 89.6 | 85.1 | 82.1 | 89.6 |
| March, 1938 | 104.8 | 106.8 | 99.7 | 99.7 | 87.9 | 99.6 | 80.9 | 77.7 | 86.6 | 80.8 | 86.6 | 80.9 | 77.7 | 86.6 |
| March, 1939 | 115.4 | 118.7 | 107.0 | 107.0 | 82.0 | 121.8 | 73.9 | 70.6 | 76.6 | 78.5 | 76.6 | 73.9 | 70.6 | 76.6 |
| 1938 - April | 104.2 | 107.7 | 94.1 | 94.1 | 86.1 | 104.0 | 78.2 | 83.0 | 77.9 | 69.6 | 77.9 | 78.2 | 83.0 | 77.9 |
| May | 102.3 | 106.3 | 91.2 | 91.2 | 79.4 | 101.8 | 77.0 | 78.6 | 80.8 | 68.4 | 80.8 | 77.0 | 78.6 | 80.8 |
| June | 102.5 | 105.4 | 94.0 | 94.0 | 68.7 | 93.2 | 68.7 | 68.5 | 75.9 | 60.4 | 75.9 | 68.7 | 68.5 | 75.9 |
| July | 99.9 | 101.1 | 96.0 | 96.0 | 48.5 | 53.6 | 47.3 | 38.0 | 54.1 | 58.5 | 54.1 | 47.3 | 38.0 | 54.1 |
| August | 109.2 | 110.5 | 105.4 | 105.4 | 101.4 | 104.8 | 76.6 | 62.6 | 77.2 | 103.9 | 77.2 | 76.6 | 62.6 | 77.2 |
| September | 120.6 | 125.8 | 106.5 | 106.5 | 135.2 | 141.0 | 101.8 | 97.2 | 102.7 | 110.7 | 102.7 | 101.8 | 97.2 | 102.7 |
| October | 114.8 | 117.3 | 107.6 | 107.6 | 119.0 | 102.4 | 90.8 | 84.6 | 90.2 | 104.5 | 90.2 | 90.8 | 84.6 | 90.2 |
| November | 111.6 | 114.9 | 102.7 | 102.7 | 110.1 | 108.7 | 87.1 | 76.6 | 93.7 | 100.3 | 93.7 | 87.1 | 76.6 | 93.7 |
| December | 106.6 | 109.7 | 98.6 | 98.6 | 82.7 | 80.4 | 64.9 | 63.7 | 70.0 | 60.8 | 70.0 | 64.9 | 63.7 | 70.0 |
| 1939 - January | 102.9 | 106.9 | 91.7 | 91.7 | 41.2 | 39.6 | 50.2 | 39.6 | 67.5 | 49.2 | 67.5 | 50.2 | 39.6 | 67.5 |
| February | 102.8 | 106.9 | 92.4 | 92.4 | 60.4 | 67.5 | 57.8 | 52.2 | 66.6 | 57.6 | 66.6 | 57.8 | 52.2 | 66.6 |
| March | 115.4 | 118.7 | 107.0 | 107.0 | 82.0 | 121.8 | 73.9 | 70.6 | 76.6 | 78.5 | 76.6 | 73.9 | 70.6 | 76.6 |

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GROCERIES

| Year and Month | GROCERIES | | | | | FRUITS AND VEGETABLES | | |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|-----------------------|--------|--------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec |
| March, 1936 | 83.7 | 80.9 | 63.8 | 86.1 | 97.1 | 83.9 | 73.6 | 82.7 |
| March, 1937 | 99.8 | 99.3 | 75.4 | 95.1 | 119.8 | 107.0 | 89.7 | 103.8 |
| March, 1938 | 97.4 | 106.9 | 79.2 | 93.9 | 109.3 | 105.0 | 85.7 | 100.6 |
| March, 1939 | 97.8 | 104.0 | 76.6 | 94.8 | 110.0 | 108.9 | 88.0 | 105.4 |
| 1938 - April | 93.5 | 97.9 | 73.2 | 93.4 | 104.4 | 100.2 | 96.3 | 104.4 |
| May | 102.3 | 116.5 | 84.7 | 99.8 | 110.6 | 112.7 | 109.1 | 120.8 |
| June | 112.9 | 120.2 | 91.2 | 114.5 | 122.2 | 120.9 | 117.2 | 136.4 |
| July | 110.3 | 119.9 | 84.5 | 108.6 | 126.5 | 116.5 | 95.7 | 77.6 |
| August | 114.1 | 117.0 | 82.3 | 107.8 | 136.1 | 127.9 | 88.4 | 71.7 |
| September | 115.7 | 119.3 | 92.8 | 112.6 | 136.7 | 114.9 | 97.0 | 106.6 |
| October | 107.3 | 118.8 | 106.4 | 99.2 | 119.9 | 101.5 | 81.5 | 78.3 |
| November | 106.2 | 116.7 | 105.3 | 102.7 | 115.4 | 98.3 | 78.0 | 75.2 |
| December | 98.8 | 112.2 | 78.3 | 99.7 | 106.1 | 108.3 | 93.0 | 90.8 |
| 1939 - January | 82.7 | 87.0 | 53.3 | 83.1 | 95.5 | 94.8 | 67.5 | 67.8 |
| February | 83.1 | 86.6 | 62.3 | 83.1 | 93.4 | 91.5 | 69.5 | 88.9 |
| March | 97.8 | 104.0 | 76.6 | 94.8 | 110.0 | 108.9 | 88.0 | 101.7 |

TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY

| Year and Month | TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY | | | | | Western Provinces | | |
|----------------|---------------------------|-----------|--------|---------|-------------------|-------------------|--------|---------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces | CANADA | Quebec | Ontario |
| March, 1936 | 74.1 | 59.9 | 62.0 | 68.4 | 84.9 | 77.3 | 75.7 | 79.6 |
| March, 1937 | 103.5 | 87.8 | 92.2 | 90.2 | 117.4 | 92.6 | 95.2 | 91.8 |
| March, 1938 | 90.8 | 78.8 | 82.3 | 82.2 | 101.1 | 99.1 | 106.6 | 98.7 |
| March, 1939 | 84.4 | 62.3 | 80.3 | 73.4 | 95.3 | 98.4 | 104.5 | 97.0 |
| 1938 - April | 100.0 | 91.7 | 101.3 | 95.5 | 106.4 | 103.8 | 113.7 | 102.0 |
| May | 106.3 | 87.9 | 112.3 | 100.8 | 113.0 | 109.7 | 123.4 | 108.4 |
| June | 108.1 | 89.4 | 107.0 | 106.7 | 116.1 | 121.2 | 144.0 | 114.7 |
| July | 93.0 | 81.9 | 89.5 | 82.0 | 103.7 | 107.2 | 113.5 | 110.7 |
| August | 102.4 | 80.2 | 98.6 | 75.4 | 119.9 | 105.6 | 102.8 | 112.8 |
| September | 110.7 | 88.2 | 118.4 | 95.4 | 121.4 | 103.1 | 97.0 | 108.7 |
| October | 104.8 | 82.0 | 104.8 | 92.9 | 116.8 | 104.2 | 101.3 | 105.2 |
| November | 99.5 | 77.9 | 101.9 | 90.1 | 108.7 | 104.3 | 101.8 | 104.5 |
| December | 81.4 | 56.7 | 85.2 | 81.7 | 86.4 | 113.7 | 114.3 | 115.0 |
| 1939 - January | 59.8 | 48.0 | 64.3 | 60.7 | 61.6 | 88.2 | 98.0 | 82.5 |
| February | 60.7 | 37.4 | 59.4 | 53.4 | 68.4 | 87.7 | 97.3 | 84.4 |
| March | 84.4 | 62.3 | 80.3 | 73.4 | 95.3 | 98.4 | 104.5 | 97.0 |

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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, APRIL, 1939

(Average Monthly Sales, 1930 = 100)

The dollar value of wholesale sales in Canada in April was down almost 1 per cent from April of last year according to reports received from some 200 wholesale firms representative of nine different lines of trade. The index of wholesale sales stood at 87.0 for April compared with 87.4 for March and 89.4 for April of last year. The average index for the first four months of 1939 was almost 1 per cent below that for the corresponding period of 1938.

Wholesale sales of automotive equipment, which, during the past two years have shown fairly consistent gains, were 7 per cent below sales in the corresponding month of 1938. This decline was general throughout the Dominion. Wholesale sales of clothing were 18 per cent below those of April, 1938, dry goods were down 14 per cent, while hardware sales were down 7 per cent. Wholesale sales of footwear, which had shown improvement in the first three months of the year, were down 8 per cent. Sales of drugs and groceries on the other hand showed a slight improvement.

Combined wholesale sales for all trades for British Columbia were almost 5 per cent greater in April of this year than in April, 1938. Declines were recorded in all other sections of Canada ranging from 2 per cent in Ontario and the Prairie Provinces to 7 per cent in the Maritimes and 8 per cent in Quebec.

The inventory value on April 30 for all lines of trade combined was 3 per cent below the stock value of the same date last year. The value of stocks on hand in the wholesale confectionery and tobacco trade was down 10 per cent; clothing, 10 per cent and dry goods almost 9 per cent; footwear, 7 per cent; groceries, 5 per cent; and drugs, 3 per cent. On the other hand, the inventory value in the automotive equipment trade compared with the same date of the previous year was up 7 per cent; fruits and vegetables was up almost 8 per cent and hardware over 1 per cent.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

| | Percentage Change, 1939, Compared with 1938 | | | |
|---------------------------------|---|-------------|----------------------|-------------|
| | S A L E S | | | INVENTORY |
| | (1) | (2) | First | |
| | March, 1939 | April, 1939 | 4 months, 1939 | |
| | March, 1938 | April, 1938 | First 4 months, 1938 | April, 1939 |
| | | | | April, 1938 |
| Automotive Equipment | - 5.5 | - 7.2 | - 2.2 | + 7.2 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 5.3 | - 18.3 | | |
| Ontario | - 9.8 | - 8.8 | | |
| Western Provinces | - 7.4 | - 1.3 | | |
| Rugs | + 10.0 | + 3.8 | + 6.6 | - 2.9 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario | + 11.0 | + 2.1 | | |
| Western Provinces | + 7.3 | + 8.4 | | |
| Clothing | - 5.9 | - 17.6 | - 7.7 | - 9.0 |
| Quebec | - 1.9 | - 22.4 | | |
| Ontario and Western Provinces | - 9.0 | - 13.4 | | |
| Footwear | + 22.3 | - 8.4 | + 6.9 | - 6.8 |
| Quebec | + 28.5 | - 9.9 | | |
| Ontario | + 12.2 | - 6.1 | | |
| Dry Goods | - 8.7 | - 13.7 | - 7.9 | - 8.7 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 9.1 | - 14.6 | | |
| Ontario | - 11.6 | - 12.6 | | |
| Western Provinces | - 2.8 | - 13.1 | | |
| Fruits and Vegetables | + 2.8 | - 2.7 | + 0.1 | + 7.7 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 5.5 | - 8.7 | | |
| Ontario | + 5.2 | + 3.2 | | |
| Western Provinces | - 0.6 | - 6.3 | | |
| Groceries | + 0.2 | + 1.7 | + 0.6 | - 4.9 |
| Maritimes | - 2.7 | - 0.4 | | |
| Quebec | - 4.5 | - 3.2 | | |
| Ontario | + 0.8 | + 1.9 | | |
| Prairies | + 0.6 | + 2.1 | | |
| British Columbia | + 3.7 | + 5.1 | | |
| Hardware | - 7.2 | - 7.3 | - 6.0 | + 1.3 |
| Maritimes | - 20.3 | - 15.7 | | |
| Quebec | - 3.9 | - 21.0 | | |
| Ontario | - 10.7 | - 15.0 | | |
| Western Provinces | - 5.7 | (a) | | |
| Tobacco and Confectionery | - 0.8 | - 2.3 | + 1.4 | - 10.1 |
| Quebec | - 2.0 | - 0.6 | | |
| Ontario | - 1.7 | - 4.7 | | |
| Western Provinces | + 2.3 | - 2.3 | | |
| Wholesale Trade - | | | | |
| Maritimes | - 4.3 | - 7.3 | | |
| Quebec | - 0.8 | - 8.5 | | |
| Ontario | - 0.1 | - 1.9 | | |
| Prairies | - 0.9 | - 1.6 | | |
| British Columbia | + 0.6 | + 4.5 | | |
| CANADA | - 0.4 | - 2.7 | - 0.8 | - 2.9 |

- (1) Revised
 (2) Preliminary
 (a) No change

| Year and Month | WHOLESALE TRADE | | | | | AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT | | | | |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|----------------------|--------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| April, 1936 | 81.8 | 87.7 | 81.8 | 85.4 | 73.1 | 85.8 | 84.7 | 80.7 | 93.6 | 81.6 |
| April, 1937 | 94.4 | 102.5 | 96.3 | 93.9 | 84.6 | 105.5 | 98.8 | 79.5 | 98.0 | 109.3 |
| April, 1938 | 89.4 | 94.6 | 90.6 | 93.7 | 78.4 | 95.9 | 99.5 | 89.0 | 109.1 | 99.8 |
| April, 1939 | 87.0 | 87.7 | 82.9 | 91.9 | 77.1 | 100.2 | 92.3 | 72.7 | 99.5 | 98.5 |
| 1938 - May | 95.5 | 103.9 | 97.1 | 99.8 | 81.5 | 107.9 | 103.6 | 102.7 | 114.2 | 99.2 |
| June | 100.1 | 104.5 | 97.7 | 104.7 | 89.3 | 111.6 | 100.2 | 79.1 | 108.3 | 104.0 |
| July | 90.1 | 98.9 | 76.3 | 91.5 | 89.8 | 103.4 | 102.3 | 88.1 | 103.2 | 107.3 |
| August | 98.2 | 98.2 | 84.7 | 95.1 | 102.9 | 111.9 | 124.0 | 90.8 | 108.8 | 150.1 |
| September | 106.7 | 109.1 | 106.3 | 104.6 | 106.3 | 104.4 | 151.4 | 115.3 | 160.4 | 166.5 |
| October | 97.8 | 105.1 | 100.8 | 93.7 | 95.1 | 99.0 | 140.7 | 115.7 | 125.1 | 164.1 |
| November | 94.7 | 101.5 | 96.8 | 94.8 | 88.2 | 96.4 | 112.5 | 90.2 | 120.5 | 118.9 |
| December | 86.7 | 94.9 | 82.1 | 91.7 | 76.1 | 99.5 | 81.6 | 75.8 | 89.7 | 87.5 |
| 1939 - January | 69.2 | 70.4 | 60.2 | 75.9 | 62.1 | 81.3 | 67.2 | 48.1 | 79.4 | 68.8 |
| February | 71.2 | 69.9 | 69.7 | 76.1 | 61.1 | 81.2 | 62.7 | 51.5 | 71.2 | 62.2 |
| March | 87.4 | 89.1 | 87.7 | 90.1 | 77.2 | 98.7 | 74.2 | 70.1 | 83.1 | 70.8 |
| April | 87.0 | 87.7 | 82.9 | 91.9 | 77.1 | 100.2 | 92.3 | 72.7 | 99.5 | 98.5 |

| Year and Month | DRUGS | | | CLOTHING | | FOOTWEAR | | DRY GOODS | | |
|----------------|--------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------|--------|----------|--------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes Que. & Ont. | Western Provinces | CANADA | CANADA | CANADA | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| April, 1936 | 93.1 | 95.2 | 87.0 | 84.2 | 88.6 | 76.6 | 76.6 | 77.5 | 82.5 | 67.3 |
| April, 1937 | 104.5 | 107.2 | 96.7 | 90.9 | 117.2 | 84.4 | 84.4 | 87.3 | 83.3 | 80.6 |
| April, 1938 | 104.2 | 107.7 | 94.1 | 86.1 | 104.0 | 78.2 | 78.2 | 83.0 | 77.9 | 69.6 |
| April, 1939 | 108.2 | 110.0 | 102.0 | 70.9 | 95.3 | 67.5 | 67.5 | 70.9 | 68.1 | 60.5 |
| 1938 - May | 102.3 | 106.3 | 91.2 | 79.4 | 101.8 | 77.0 | 77.0 | 78.6 | 80.8 | 68.4 |
| June | 102.5 | 105.4 | 94.0 | 68.7 | 93.2 | 68.7 | 68.7 | 68.5 | 75.9 | 60.4 |
| July | 99.9 | 101.1 | 96.0 | 48.5 | 53.6 | 47.3 | 47.3 | 38.0 | 54.1 | 58.5 |
| August | 109.2 | 110.5 | 105.4 | 101.4 | 104.8 | 76.6 | 76.6 | 62.6 | 77.2 | 103.9 |
| September | 120.6 | 125.8 | 106.5 | 135.2 | 141.0 | 101.8 | 101.8 | 97.2 | 102.7 | 110.7 |
| October | 114.8 | 117.3 | 107.6 | 119.0 | 102.4 | 90.8 | 90.8 | 84.6 | 90.2 | 104.5 |
| November | 111.6 | 114.9 | 102.7 | 110.1 | 108.7 | 87.1 | 87.1 | 76.6 | 93.7 | 100.3 |
| December | 106.6 | 109.7 | 98.6 | 82.7 | 80.4 | 64.9 | 64.9 | 63.7 | 70.0 | 60.8 |
| 1939 - January | 102.9 | 106.9 | 91.7 | 41.2 | 39.6 | 50.2 | 50.2 | 39.6 | 67.5 | 49.2 |
| February | 102.8 | 106.9 | 92.4 | 60.4 | 67.5 | 57.8 | 57.8 | 52.2 | 66.6 | 57.6 |
| March | 115.3 | 118.5 | 107.0 | 82.7 | 121.8 | 73.9 | 73.9 | 70.6 | 76.6 | 78.5 |
| April | 108.2 | 110.0 | 102.0 | 70.9 | 95.3 | 67.5 | 67.5 | 70.9 | 68.1 | 60.5 |

| Year and Month | GROCERIES | | | | | | FRUITS AND VEGETABLES | | | |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| April, 1936 | 89.2 | 89.0 | 72.4 | 87.0 | 104.8 | 89.2 | 84.1 | 89.7 | 99.1 | 62.7 |
| April, 1937 | 96.7 | 106.4 | 81.3 | 94.3 | 106.6 | 101.6 | 98.0 | 100.4 | 107.3 | 79.4 |
| April, 1938 | 93.5 | 97.9 | 73.2 | 93.4 | 104.4 | 100.2 | 96.3 | 104.4 | 112.6 | 72.1 |
| April, 1939 | 95.1 | 97.5 | 70.9 | 95.2 | 106.6 | 105.3 | 93.7 | 95.3 | 116.2 | 67.6 |
| 1938 - May | 102.3 | 116.5 | 84.7 | 99.8 | 110.6 | 112.7 | 109.1 | 120.8 | 127.6 | 83.7 |
| June | 112.9 | 120.2 | 91.2 | 114.5 | 122.2 | 120.9 | 117.2 | 136.4 | 123.0 | 99.3 |
| July | 110.3 | 119.9 | 84.5 | 108.6 | 126.5 | 116.5 | 95.7 | 77.6 | 100.5 | 99.0 |
| August | 114.1 | 117.0 | 82.3 | 107.8 | 136.1 | 127.7 | 88.4 | 71.7 | 91.7 | 95.6 |
| September | 115.7 | 119.3 | 92.8 | 112.6 | 136.7 | 114.9 | 97.0 | 106.6 | 83.4 | 102.2 |
| October | 107.3 | 118.8 | 106.4 | 99.2 | 119.9 | 101.5 | 81.5 | 78.3 | 83.4 | 83.2 |
| November | 106.2 | 116.7 | 105.3 | 102.7 | 115.4 | 98.3 | 78.0 | 75.2 | 82.0 | 76.4 |
| December | 98.8 | 112.2 | 78.3 | 99.7 | 106.1 | 108.3 | 93.0 | 90.8 | 103.5 | 83.9 |
| 1939 - January | 82.7 | 87.0 | 53.3 | 83.1 | 95.5 | 94.8 | 67.5 | 67.8 | 81.5 | 52.4 |
| February | 83.1 | 86.6 | 62.3 | 83.1 | 93.4 | 91.5 | 69.5 | 88.9 | 82.6 | 49.2 |
| March | 97.6 | 104.0 | 75.6 | 94.7 | 110.0 | 108.9 | 88.1 | 101.2 | 105.8 | 65.1 |
| April | 95.1 | 97.5 | 70.9 | 95.2 | 106.6 | 105.3 | 93.7 | 95.3 | 116.2 | 67.6 |

| Year and Month | HARDWARE | | | | | TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY | | | |
|----------------|----------|-----------|--------|---------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces | CANADA | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| April, 1936 | 85.7 | 88.3 | 83.8 | 80.8 | 91.4 | 85.5 | 87.9 | 85.2 | 79.4 |
| April, 1937 | 118.5 | 104.3 | 111.7 | 107.5 | 132.3 | 102.3 | 113.5 | 98.0 | 87.6 |
| April, 1938 | 100.0 | 91.7 | 101.3 | 95.5 | 106.4 | 103.8 | 113.7 | 102.0 | 88.3 |
| April, 1939 | 92.7 | 77.3 | 80.0 | 81.2 | 106.4 | 101.4 | 113.0 | 97.2 | 86.3 |
| 1938 - May | 106.3 | 87.9 | 112.3 | 100.8 | 113.0 | 109.7 | 123.4 | 108.4 | 90.1 |
| June | 108.1 | 89.4 | 107.0 | 106.7 | 116.1 | 121.2 | 144.0 | 114.7 | 97.8 |
| July | 93.0 | 81.9 | 89.5 | 82.0 | 103.7 | 107.2 | 113.5 | 110.7 | 90.4 |
| August | 102.4 | 80.2 | 98.6 | 75.4 | 119.9 | 105.6 | 102.8 | 112.8 | 97.7 |
| September | 110.7 | 88.2 | 118.4 | 95.4 | 121.4 | 103.1 | 97.0 | 108.7 | 100.0 |
| October | 104.8 | 82.0 | 104.8 | 92.9 | 116.8 | 104.2 | 101.3 | 105.2 | 99.8 |
| November | 99.5 | 77.9 | 101.9 | 90.1 | 108.7 | 104.3 | 101.8 | 104.5 | 103.3 |
| December | 81.4 | 56.7 | 85.2 | 81.7 | 86.4 | 113.7 | 114.3 | 115.0 | 109.0 |
| 1939 - January | 59.8 | 48.0 | 64.3 | 60.7 | 61.6 | 88.2 | 98.0 | 82.5 | 77.4 |
| February | 60.7 | 37.4 | 59.4 | 53.4 | 68.4 | 87.7 | 97.3 | 84.4 | 75.9 |
| March | 84.3 | 62.8 | 79.1 | 73.4 | 95.3 | 98.3 | 104.5 | 97.0 | 87.7 |
| April | 92.7 | 77.3 | 80.0 | 81.2 | 106.4 | 101.4 | 113.0 | 97.2 | 86.3 |

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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, MAY, 1939

(Average Monthly Sales, 1930 = 100)

Wholesale sales in Canada averaged over 6 per cent higher in May of this year compared with the corresponding month in 1938 according to reports received from over 200 wholesale firms representing nine different lines of business. Stocks on hand at month end were 2 per cent less than the previous year. The index of wholesale sales stood at 101.5 for May compared with 87.1 for April and 95.5 for May last year. The average index for the first five months of 1939 was almost 1 per cent above that for the corresponding period of 1938.

Every line of business and every economic section of Canada shared in the general improvement. The greatest gain was recorded by the wholesale footwear trade with sales more than 25 per cent above those of May last year. The index of sales for the footwear trade rose to 127.6 compared with 95.3 for April and 101.8 for May, 1938. Sales of clothing were up over 11 per cent with an index of 88.2. Wholesale sales of tobacco and confectionery, which in the preceding two months had shown declines, recorded an increase of almost 11 per cent. Wholesale sales of drugs were up over 9 per cent; fruits and vegetables, almost 7 per cent; groceries, 6 per cent; hardware, 5 per cent; dry goods, over 3 per cent; and automotive equipment, 3 per cent.

Combined wholesale sales for all trades for Ontario were almost 9 per cent greater in May of this year than in May, 1938. In the Maritime Provinces there was an increase of almost 8 per cent; in Quebec, an increase of over 7 per cent; in the Prairie Provinces, an increase of over 4 per cent; and in British Columbia, an increase of almost 3 per cent.

The inventory value on May 31 for all lines of trade combined was 2 per cent below the stock value of the same date last year. The value of stocks on hand in the footwear trade was down 22 per cent; dry goods, 9 per cent; tobacco and confectionery, 11 per cent; drugs, 2 per cent and groceries, 1 per cent. There was an increase in the value of stock on hand in the fruits and vegetables trade of 7 per cent; in the hardware trade, 3 per cent and 1 per cent in the automotive equipment trade.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

| | Percentage Change, 1939, Compared with 1938 | | | |
|----------------------------------|---|------------------------|---|------------------------|
| | S A L E S | | | INVENTORY |
| | (1) | (2) | First | |
| | April, 1939 April, 1938 | May, 1939 May, 1938 | 5 months, 1939 First 5 months, 1938 | May, 1939 May, 1938 |
| Automotive Equipment | - 6.8 | + 3.0 | - 0.8 | + 0.8 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 18.3 | + 1.7 | | |
| Ontario | - 7.5 | + 4.4 | | |
| Western Provinces | - 1.3 | + 2.7 | | |
| Drugs | + 3.7 | + 9.3 | + 7.1 | - 1.9 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .. | + 2.0 | + 9.2 | | |
| Western Provinces | + 8.4 | + 9.6 | | |
| Clothing | - 10.2 | + 11.1 | - 1.7 | (x) |
| Quebec | - 22.4 | + 3.4 | | |
| Ontario and Western Provinces .. | - 3.4 | + 17.9 | | |
| Footwear | - 8.4 | + 25.3 | + 11.5 | - 22.1 |
| Quebec | - 9.9 | + 17.8 | | |
| Ontario | - 6.1 | + 37.7 | | |
| Dry Goods | - 13.7 | + 3.4 | - 5.4 | - 9.0 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 14.6 | + 0.3 | | |
| Ontario | - 12.6 | + 9.3 | | |
| Western Provinces | - 13.1 | + 1.7 | | |
| Fruits and Vegetables | - 1.7 | + 6.8 | + 2.1 | + 7.2 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 5.4 | + 5.8 | | |
| Ontario | + 3.2 | + 10.7 | | |
| Western Provinces | - 4.7 | + 5.0 | | |
| Groceries | + 1.9 | + 5.5 | + 1.7 | - 0.8 |
| Maritimes | + 0.3 | + 6.6 | | |
| Quebec | - 1.6 | + 13.0 | | |
| Ontario | + 1.9 | + 5.9 | | |
| Prairies | + 2.1 | + 3.7 | | |
| British Columbia | + 5.1 | + 1.5 | | |
| Hardware | - 8.6 | + 5.0 | - 3.6 | + 2.6 |
| Maritimes | - 15.7 | + 13.6 | | |
| Quebec | - 22.5 | + 5.0 | | |
| Ontario | - 15.0 | + 6.4 | | |
| Western Provinces | (a) | + 3.6 | | |
| Tobacco and Confectionery | - 2.5 | + 10.8 | + 3.5 | - 10.8 |
| Quebec | - 0.6 | + 12.4 | | |
| Ontario | - 4.7 | + 8.5 | | |
| Western Provinces | - 2.9 | + 10.7 | | |
| Wholesale Trade - | | | | |
| Maritimes | - 5.6 | + 7.7 | | |
| Quebec | - 8.3 | + 7.2 | | |
| Ontario | - 1.8 | + 8.9 | | |
| Prairies | - 1.3 | + 4.3 | | |
| British Columbia | + 4.6 | + 2.9 | | |
| CANADA | - 2.6 | + 6.3 | + 0.9 | - 2.0 |

- 1) Revised
2) Preliminary

- a) No change
x) Not available

| Year and Month | WHOLESALE TRADE | | | | | AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT | | | | |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|----------------------|--------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| May, 1936 | 86.9 | 89.6 | 86.9 | 93.2 | 76.7 | 89.6 | 92.0 | 85.4 | 100.5 | 90.7 |
| May, 1937 | 96.5 | 103.0 | 100.3 | 99.3 | 82.3 | 108.9 | 105.1 | 98.3 | 100.8 | 110.3 |
| May, 1938 | 95.5 | 103.9 | 97.1 | 99.8 | 81.5 | 107.9 | 103.6 | 102.7 | 114.2 | 99.2 |
| May, 1939 | 101.5 | 111.9 | 104.1 | 108.7 | 85.0 | 111.0 | 106.7 | 104.4 | 119.2 | 101.9 |
| 1938 - June | 100.1 | 104.5 | 97.7 | 104.7 | 89.3 | 111.6 | 100.2 | 79.1 | 108.3 | 104.0 |
| July | 90.1 | 98.9 | 76.3 | 91.5 | 89.8 | 103.4 | 102.3 | 88.1 | 103.2 | 107.3 |
| August | 98.2 | 98.2 | 84.7 | 95.1 | 102.9 | 111.9 | 124.0 | 90.8 | 108.8 | 150.1 |
| September | 106.7 | 109.1 | 106.3 | 104.6 | 106.3 | 104.4 | 151.4 | 115.3 | 160.4 | 166.5 |
| October | 97.8 | 105.1 | 100.8 | 93.7 | 95.1 | 99.0 | 140.7 | 115.7 | 125.1 | 164.1 |
| November | 94.7 | 101.5 | 96.8 | 94.8 | 88.2 | 90.4 | 112.5 | 90.2 | 120.5 | 118.9 |
| December | 86.7 | 94.9 | 82.1 | 91.7 | 76.1 | 99.5 | 81.6 | 75.8 | 89.7 | 87.5 |
| 1939 - January | 69.2 | 70.4 | 60.2 | 75.9 | 62.1 | 81.3 | 67.2 | 48.1 | 79.4 | 68.8 |
| February | 71.2 | 69.9 | 69.7 | 76.1 | 61.1 | 81.2 | 62.7 | 51.5 | 71.2 | 62.2 |
| March | 87.4 | 89.1 | 87.7 | 90.1 | 77.2 | 98.7 | 74.2 | 70.1 | 83.1 | 70.8 |
| April | 87.1 | 89.3 | 83.1 | 92.0 | 77.4 | 100.3 | 92.7 | 72.7 | 100.9 | 98.5 |
| May | 101.5 | 111.9 | 104.1 | 108.7 | 85.0 | 111.0 | 106.7 | 104.4 | 119.2 | 101.9 |

| Year and Month | DRUGS | | | CLOTHING | | FOOTWEAR | | DRY GOODS | | |
|----------------------|--------|--------------------------|----------------------|----------|----------------------|----------|-----------------------|-----------|----------------------|--|
| | CANADA | Maritimes Que. & Ont. | Western Provinces | CANADA | Western Provinces | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces | |
| May, 1936 | 90.6 | 92.9 | 84.0 | 82.4 | 100.0 | 75.1 | 73.5 | 84.9 | 65.5 | |
| May, 1937 | 98.3 | 101.8 | 88.5 | 89.8 | 111.8 | 84.0 | 85.3 | 87.6 | 76.1 | |
| May, 1938 | 102.3 | 106.3 | 91.2 | 79.4 | 101.8 | 77.0 | 78.6 | 80.8 | 68.4 | |
| May, 1939 | 111.8 | 116.1 | 100.0 | 88.2 | 127.6 | 79.6 | 78.8 | 88.3 | 69.6 | |
| 1938 - June | 102.5 | 105.4 | 94.0 | 68.7 | 93.2 | 68.7 | 68.5 | 75.9 | 60.4 | |
| July | 99.9 | 101.1 | 96.0 | 48.5 | 53.6 | 47.3 | 38.0 | 54.1 | 58.5 | |
| August | 109.2 | 110.5 | 105.4 | 101.4 | 104.8 | 76.6 | 62.6 | 77.2 | 103.9 | |
| September | 120.6 | 125.8 | 106.5 | 135.2 | 141.0 | 101.8 | 97.2 | 102.7 | 110.7 | |
| October | 114.8 | 117.3 | 107.6 | 119.0 | 102.4 | 90.8 | 84.6 | 90.2 | 104.5 | |
| November | 111.6 | 114.9 | 102.7 | 110.1 | 108.7 | 87.1 | 76.6 | 93.7 | 100.3 | |
| December | 106.6 | 109.7 | 98.6 | 82.7 | 80.4 | 64.9 | 63.7 | 70.0 | 60.8 | |
| 1939 - January | 102.9 | 106.9 | 91.7 | 41.2 | 39.6 | 50.2 | 39.6 | 67.5 | 49.2 | |
| February | 102.8 | 106.9 | 92.4 | 60.4 | 67.5 | 57.8 | 52.2 | 66.6 | 57.6 | |
| March | 115.3 | 118.5 | 107.0 | 82.7 | 121.8 | 73.9 | 70.6 | 76.6 | 78.5 | |
| April | 108.1 | 109.9 | 102.0 | 77.3 | 95.3 | 67.5 | 70.9 | 68.1 | 60.5 | |
| May | 111.8 | 116.1 | 100.0 | 88.2 | 127.6 | 79.6 | 78.8 | 88.3 | 69.6 | |

| Year and Month | GROCERIES | | | | | FRUITS AND VEGETABLES | | | | |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|-----------------------|--------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| May, 1936 | 93.1 | 98.7 | 78.0 | 94.5 | 104.9 | 89.6 | 97.7 | 107.3 | 112.9 | 75.9 |
| May, 1937 | 100.8 | 109.9 | 86.8 | 99.0 | 110.2 | 105.7 | 108.7 | 123.0 | 124.2 | 84.1 |
| May, 1938 | 102.3 | 116.5 | 84.7 | 99.8 | 110.6 | 112.7 | 109.1 | 120.8 | 127.6 | 83.7 |
| May, 1939 | 107.9 | 124.2 | 95.7 | 105.7 | 114.7 | 114.4 | 116.5 | 127.8 | 141.3 | 87.9 |
| 1938 - June | 112.9 | 120.2 | 91.2 | 114.5 | 122.2 | 120.9 | 117.2 | 136.4 | 123.0 | 99.3 |
| July | 110.3 | 119.9 | 84.5 | 108.6 | 126.5 | 116.5 | 95.7 | 77.6 | 100.5 | 99.0 |
| August | 114.1 | 117.0 | 82.3 | 107.8 | 136.1 | 127.7 | 88.4 | 71.7 | 91.7 | 95.6 |
| September | 115.7 | 119.3 | 92.8 | 112.6 | 136.7 | 114.9 | 97.0 | 106.6 | 83.4 | 102.2 |
| October | 107.3 | 118.8 | 106.4 | 99.2 | 119.9 | 101.5 | 81.5 | 78.3 | 83.4 | 83.2 |
| November | 106.2 | 116.7 | 105.3 | 102.7 | 115.4 | 98.3 | 78.0 | 75.2 | 82.0 | 76.4 |
| December | 98.8 | 112.2 | 78.3 | 99.7 | 106.1 | 108.3 | 93.0 | 90.8 | 103.5 | 83.9 |
| 1939 - January | 82.7 | 87.0 | 53.3 | 83.1 | 95.5 | 94.8 | 67.5 | 67.8 | 81.5 | 52.4 |
| February | 83.1 | 86.6 | 62.3 | 83.1 | 93.4 | 91.5 | 69.5 | 88.9 | 82.6 | 49.2 |
| March | 97.6 | 104.0 | 75.6 | 94.7 | 110.0 | 108.9 | 88.1 | 101.2 | 105.8 | 65.1 |
| April | 95.3 | 98.2 | 72.0 | 95.2 | 106.6 | 105.3 | 94.7 | 98.8 | 116.2 | 68.7 |
| May | 107.9 | 124.2 | 95.7 | 105.7 | 114.7 | 114.4 | 116.5 | 127.8 | 141.3 | 87.9 |

| Year and Month | HARDWARE | | | | | TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY | | | | |
|----------------------|----------|-----------|--------|---------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------|---------|-------------------|--|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces | CANADA | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces | |
| May, 1936 | 95.3 | 75.3 | 95.9 | 94.9 | 102.4 | 93.8 | 97.6 | 95.5 | 84.2 | |
| May, 1937 | 113.0 | 97.4 | 124.0 | 101.1 | 119.5 | 105.2 | 114.3 | 105.1 | 90.6 | |
| May, 1938 | 106.3 | 87.9 | 112.3 | 100.8 | 113.0 | 109.7 | 123.4 | 108.4 | 90.1 | |
| May, 1939 | 111.6 | 99.9 | 117.9 | 107.3 | 117.1 | 121.5 | 138.7 | 117.6 | 99.7 | |
| 1938 - June | 108.1 | 89.4 | 107.0 | 106.7 | 116.1 | 121.2 | 144.0 | 114.7 | 97.8 | |
| July | 93.0 | 81.9 | 89.5 | 82.0 | 103.7 | 107.2 | 113.5 | 110.7 | 90.4 | |
| August | 102.4 | 80.2 | 98.6 | 75.4 | 119.9 | 105.6 | 102.8 | 112.8 | 97.7 | |
| September | 110.7 | 88.2 | 118.4 | 95.4 | 121.4 | 103.1 | 97.0 | 108.7 | 100.0 | |
| October | 104.8 | 82.0 | 104.8 | 92.9 | 116.8 | 104.2 | 101.3 | 105.2 | 99.8 | |
| November | 99.5 | 77.9 | 101.9 | 90.1 | 108.7 | 104.3 | 101.8 | 104.5 | 103.3 | |
| December | 81.4 | 56.7 | 85.2 | 81.7 | 86.4 | 113.7 | 114.3 | 115.0 | 109.0 | |
| 1939 - January | 59.8 | 48.0 | 64.3 | 60.7 | 61.6 | 88.2 | 98.0 | 82.5 | 77.4 | |
| February | 60.7 | 37.4 | 59.4 | 53.4 | 68.4 | 87.7 | 97.3 | 84.4 | 75.9 | |
| March | 84.3 | 62.8 | 79.1 | 73.4 | 95.3 | 98.3 | 104.5 | 97.0 | 87.7 | |
| April | 91.4 | 77.3 | 78.5 | 81.2 | 106.4 | 101.2 | 113.0 | 97.2 | 85.7 | |
| May | 111.6 | 99.9 | 117.9 | 107.3 | 117.1 | 121.5 | 138.7 | 117.6 | 99.7 | |

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(Average Monthly Sales, 1930 = 100)

The dollar value of wholesale sales in Canada decreased 2 per cent in June compared with May and was one per cent lower than the amount recorded for June a year ago, according to monthly statements submitted by approximately 200 wholesale houses operating in nine different lines of trade. The composite index for the nine lines of business stands at 101.4 for May, 99.1 for June, and 100.1 for June, 1938. The average index for the first six months of 1939 for all lines of trade combined was less than one per cent greater than for the corresponding six-month period last year.

Four of the nine lines of trade included in the survey showed increased sales in June over June a year ago; three groups recorded losses, while two kinds of business were practically unchanged. The footwear trade registered the largest gain with an increase in sales value of more than 10 per cent; sales in the clothing trade went up 5 per cent; drugs, 4 per cent; and automotive equipment, 1.3 per cent over June, 1938. In the fruit and vegetable trade the dollar value of sales was down 5 per cent from June last year and in the hardware group almost 4 per cent. Tobacco and confectionery, dry goods and groceries recorded small losses.

Combined inventory values on June 30, 1939 declined only 1.3 per cent from the stock values reported for the same date a year ago, but showed wide variations by kinds of business. The changes in inventory values ranged from a loss of 27 per cent in the footwear trade to a gain of 9 per cent in the fruit and vegetables group. Groceries, automotive equipment and hardware reported increased stock values while inventories in the drug, dry goods and tobacco and confectionery trades were below the values reported for the corresponding date of 1938.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

| | Percentage Change, 1939, Compared with 1938 | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| | S A L E S | | | INVENTORY |
| | (1) | (2) | First | |
| | May, 1939 May, 1938 | June, 1939 June, 1938 | 6 months, 1939 First 6 months, 1938 | |
| | | | | June, 1939 June, 1938 |
| Automotive Equipment | + 3.7 | + 1.3 | - 0.2 | + 6.1 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 5.3 | + 9.1 | | |
| Ontario | + 4.4 | + 4.0 | | |
| Western Provinces | + 2.7 | - 3.2 | | |
| Books | + 9.4 | + 3.8 | + 6.6 | - 2.4 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario . | + 9.3 | + 4.5 | | |
| Western Provinces | + 9.6 | + 2.0 | | |
| Clothing | + 10.0 | + 4.7 | - 0.9 | (x) |
| Quebec | + 3.4 | + 11.7 | | |
| Ontario and Western Provinces . | + 14.7 | - 0.5 | | |
| Footwear | + 25.3 | + 10.5 | + 11.3 | - 27.4 |
| Quebec | + 17.8 | + 15.0 | | |
| Ontario | + 37.7 | + 3.7 | | |
| Dry Goods | + 3.4 | - 1.1 | - 4.7 | - 8.0 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 0.3 | + 5.8 | | |
| Ontario | + 9.3 | - 5.3 | | |
| Western Provinces | + 1.7 | - 9.0 | | |
| Fruits and Vegetables | + 5.3 | - 5.2 | + 0.2 | + 8.9 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 5.8 | + 3.3 | | |
| Ontario | + 5.5 | + 3.1 | | |
| Western Provinces | + 5.0 | - 13.4 | | |
| Canned Goods | + 5.7 | - 0.3 | + 1.4 | + 1.2 |
| Maritimes | + 6.6 | - 0.8 | | |
| Quebec | + 13.2 | - 6.7 | | |
| Ontario | + 5.9 | + 3.7 | | |
| Prairies | + 4.0 | - 1.6 | | |
| British Columbia | + 1.5 | + 0.1 | | |
| Hardware | + 5.0 | - 3.6 | - 3.6 | + 2.7 |
| Maritimes | + 12.5 | + 0.8 | | |
| Quebec | + 5.0 | + 5.2 | | |
| Ontario | + 6.4 | - 2.1 | | |
| Western Provinces | + 3.6 | - 7.0 | | |
| Chocolate and Confectionery | + 10.7 | - 0.2 | + 2.7 | - 15.9 |
| Quebec | + 12.4 | - 1.9 | | |
| Ontario | + 8.5 | + 1.8 | | |
| Western Provinces | + 10.6 | + 0.3 | | |
| Wholesale Trade - | | | | |
| Maritimes | + 7.7 | + 1.2 | | |
| Quebec | + 7.6 | + 0.8 | | |
| Ontario | + 8.1 | + 2.4 | | |
| Prairies | + 4.5 | - 5.9 | | |
| British Columbia | + 2.9 | - 1.3 | | |
| CANADA | + 6.2 | - 1.0 | + 0.5 | - 1.3 |

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|------|-------|-------------|--------|--------|--|
| 1917 | Jan 1 | Balance | | 100.00 | |
| | | Jan 5 | Jan 5 | 10.00 | |
| | | Jan 10 | Jan 10 | 20.00 | |
| | | Jan 15 | Jan 15 | 30.00 | |
| | | Jan 20 | Jan 20 | 40.00 | |
| | | Jan 25 | Jan 25 | 50.00 | |
| | | Jan 30 | Jan 30 | 60.00 | |
| | | Jan 31 | Jan 31 | 70.00 | |
| | | Feb 1 | Feb 1 | 80.00 | |
| | | Feb 5 | Feb 5 | 90.00 | |
| | | Feb 10 | Feb 10 | 100.00 | |
| | | Feb 15 | Feb 15 | 110.00 | |
| | | Feb 20 | Feb 20 | 120.00 | |
| | | Feb 25 | Feb 25 | 130.00 | |
| | | Feb 30 | Feb 30 | 140.00 | |
| | | Feb 31 | Feb 31 | 150.00 | |
| | | Mar 1 | Mar 1 | 160.00 | |
| | | Mar 5 | Mar 5 | 170.00 | |
| | | Mar 10 | Mar 10 | 180.00 | |
| | | Mar 15 | Mar 15 | 190.00 | |
| | | Mar 20 | Mar 20 | 200.00 | |
| | | Mar 25 | Mar 25 | 210.00 | |
| | | Mar 30 | Mar 30 | 220.00 | |
| | | Mar 31 | Mar 31 | 230.00 | |
| | | Apr 1 | Apr 1 | 240.00 | |
| | | Apr 5 | Apr 5 | 250.00 | |
| | | Apr 10 | Apr 10 | 260.00 | |
| | | Apr 15 | Apr 15 | 270.00 | |
| | | Apr 20 | Apr 20 | 280.00 | |
| | | Apr 25 | Apr 25 | 290.00 | |
| | | Apr 30 | Apr 30 | 300.00 | |
| | | Apr 31 | Apr 31 | 310.00 | |
| | | May 1 | May 1 | 320.00 | |
| | | May 5 | May 5 | 330.00 | |
| | | May 10 | May 10 | 340.00 | |
| | | May 15 | May 15 | 350.00 | |
| | | May 20 | May 20 | 360.00 | |
| | | May 25 | May 25 | 370.00 | |
| | | May 30 | May 30 | 380.00 | |
| | | May 31 | May 31 | 390.00 | |
| | | Jun 1 | Jun 1 | 400.00 | |
| | | Jun 5 | Jun 5 | 410.00 | |
| | | Jun 10 | Jun 10 | 420.00 | |
| | | Jun 15 | Jun 15 | 430.00 | |
| | | Jun 20 | Jun 20 | 440.00 | |
| | | Jun 25 | Jun 25 | 450.00 | |
| | | Jun 30 | Jun 30 | 460.00 | |
| | | Jun 31 | Jun 31 | 470.00 | |
| | | Jul 1 | Jul 1 | 480.00 | |
| | | Jul 5 | Jul 5 | 490.00 | |
| | | Jul 10 | Jul 10 | 500.00 | |
| | | Jul 15 | Jul 15 | 510.00 | |
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| | | Jul 31 | Jul 31 | 550.00 | |
| | | Aug 1 | Aug 1 | 560.00 | |
| | | Aug 5 | Aug 5 | 570.00 | |
| | | Aug 10 | Aug 10 | 580.00 | |
| | | Aug 15 | Aug 15 | 590.00 | |
| | | Aug 20 | Aug 20 | 600.00 | |
| | | Aug 25 | Aug 25 | 610.00 | |
| | | Aug 30 | Aug 30 | 620.00 | |
| | | Aug 31 | Aug 31 | 630.00 | |
| | | Sep 1 | Sep 1 | 640.00 | |
| | | Sep 5 | Sep 5 | 650.00 | |
| | | Sep 10 | Sep 10 | 660.00 | |
| | | Sep 15 | Sep 15 | 670.00 | |
| | | Sep 20 | Sep 20 | 680.00 | |
| | | Sep 25 | Sep 25 | 690.00 | |
| | | Sep 30 | Sep 30 | 700.00 | |
| | | Sep 31 | Sep 31 | 710.00 | |
| | | Oct 1 | Oct 1 | 720.00 | |
| | | Oct 5 | Oct 5 | 730.00 | |
| | | Oct 10 | Oct 10 | 740.00 | |
| | | Oct 15 | Oct 15 | 750.00 | |
| | | Oct 20 | Oct 20 | 760.00 | |
| | | Oct 25 | Oct 25 | 770.00 | |
| | | Oct 30 | Oct 30 | 780.00 | |
| | | Oct 31 | Oct 31 | 790.00 | |
| | | Nov 1 | Nov 1 | 800.00 | |
| | | Nov 5 | Nov 5 | 810.00 | |
| | | Nov 10 | Nov 10 | 820.00 | |
| | | Nov 15 | Nov 15 | 830.00 | |
| | | Nov 20 | Nov 20 | 840.00 | |
| | | Nov 25 | Nov 25 | 850.00 | |
| | | Nov 30 | Nov 30 | 860.00 | |
| | | Nov 31 | Nov 31 | 870.00 | |
| | | Dec 1 | Dec 1 | 880.00 | |
| | | Dec 5 | Dec 5 | 890.00 | |
| | | Dec 10 | Dec 10 | 900.00 | |
| | | Dec 15 | Dec 15 | 910.00 | |
| | | Dec 20 | Dec 20 | 920.00 | |
| | | Dec 25 | Dec 25 | 930.00 | |
| | | Dec 30 | Dec 30 | 940.00 | |
| | | Dec 31 | Dec 31 | 950.00 | |

| Year and Month | WHOLESALE TRADE | | | | | AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT | | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|----------------------|--------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| June, 1936 | 89.1 | 93.5 | 90.3 | 94.3 | 72.5 | 89.7 | 87.1 | 67.2 | 93.5 | 91.9 |
| June, 1937 | 100.4 | 107.6 | 103.0 | 105.5 | 85.1 | 111.5 | 96.4 | 78.4 | 110.1 | 96.1 |
| June, 1938 | 100.1 | 104.5 | 97.7 | 104.7 | 89.3 | 111.6 | 100.2 | 79.1 | 108.3 | 104.0 |
| June, 1939 | 99.1 | 105.8 | 98.5 | 107.2 | 84.0 | 110.1 | 101.5 | 86.3 | 112.6 | 100.7 |
| 1938 - July | 90.1 | 98.9 | 76.3 | 91.5 | 89.8 | 103.4 | 102.3 | 88.1 | 103.2 | 107.3 |
| August | 98.2 | 98.2 | 84.7 | 95.1 | 102.9 | 111.9 | 124.0 | 90.8 | 108.8 | 150.1 |
| September | 106.7 | 109.1 | 106.3 | 104.6 | 106.3 | 104.4 | 151.4 | 115.3 | 160.4 | 166.5 |
| October | 97.8 | 105.1 | 100.8 | 93.7 | 95.1 | 99.0 | 140.7 | 115.7 | 125.1 | 164.1 |
| November | 94.7 | 101.5 | 96.8 | 94.8 | 88.2 | 96.4 | 112.5 | 90.2 | 120.5 | 118.9 |
| December | 86.7 | 94.9 | 82.1 | 91.7 | 76.1 | 99.5 | 81.6 | 75.8 | 89.7 | 87.5 |
| 1939 - January | 69.2 | 70.4 | 60.2 | 75.9 | 62.1 | 81.3 | 67.2 | 48.1 | 79.4 | 68.8 |
| February | 71.2 | 69.9 | 69.7 | 76.1 | 61.1 | 81.2 | 62.7 | 51.5 | 71.2 | 62.2 |
| March | 87.4 | 89.1 | 87.7 | 90.1 | 77.2 | 98.7 | 74.2 | 70.1 | 83.1 | 70.3 |
| April | 87.1 | 89.3 | 83.1 | 92.0 | 77.4 | 100.3 | 92.7 | 72.7 | 100.9 | 98.5 |
| May | 101.4 | 111.9 | 104.5 | 107.9 | 85.2 | 111.0 | 107.4 | 108.1 | 119.2 | 101.9 |
| Y. NO. 5555555555 | 99.1 | 105.8 | 98.5 | 107.2 | 84.0 | 110.1 | 101.5 | 86.3 | 112.6 | 100.7 |

| Year and Month | DRUGS | | | | | CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR | | | | |
|----------------|--------|------------------|-------------------|--------|--------|---------------------|--------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes & Ont. | Western Provinces | CANADA | CANADA | CANADA | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| June, 1936 | 91.6 | 93.7 | 95.2 | 73.8 | 92.2 | 59.3 | 59.3 | 70.5 | 73.8 | 51.8 |
| June, 1937 | 102.6 | 105.9 | 93.0 | 81.3 | 98.7 | 79.3 | 79.3 | 82.6 | 85.8 | 65.2 |
| June, 1938 | 102.5 | 105.4 | 94.0 | 68.7 | 93.2 | 68.7 | 68.7 | 68.5 | 75.9 | 60.4 |
| June, 1939 | 106.4 | 110.1 | 95.9 | 71.9 | 103.0 | 67.9 | 67.9 | 72.5 | 71.9 | 55.0 |
| 1938 - July | 99.9 | 101.1 | 96.0 | 48.5 | 53.6 | 47.3 | 47.3 | 38.0 | 54.1 | 58.5 |
| August | 109.2 | 110.5 | 105.4 | 101.4 | 104.8 | 76.6 | 76.6 | 62.6 | 77.2 | 103.9 |
| September | 120.6 | 125.8 | 106.5 | 135.2 | 141.0 | 101.8 | 101.8 | 97.2 | 102.7 | 110.7 |
| October | 114.8 | 117.3 | 107.6 | 119.0 | 102.4 | 90.8 | 90.8 | 84.6 | 90.2 | 104.5 |
| November | 111.6 | 114.9 | 102.7 | 110.1 | 108.7 | 87.1 | 87.1 | 76.6 | 93.7 | 100.3 |
| December | 106.6 | 109.7 | 98.6 | 82.7 | 80.4 | 64.9 | 64.9 | 63.7 | 70.0 | 60.8 |
| 1939 - January | 102.9 | 106.9 | 91.7 | 41.2 | 39.6 | 50.2 | 50.2 | 39.6 | 67.5 | 47.2 |
| February | 102.8 | 106.9 | 92.4 | 60.4 | 67.5 | 57.8 | 57.8 | 52.2 | 66.6 | 57.5 |
| March | 115.3 | 118.5 | 107.0 | 82.7 | 121.8 | 73.9 | 73.9 | 70.6 | 76.6 | 78.5 |
| April | 108.1 | 109.9 | 102.0 | 77.3 | 95.3 | 67.5 | 67.5 | 70.9 | 68.1 | 60.5 |
| May | 111.9 | 116.2 | 100.0 | 87.3 | 127.6 | 79.6 | 79.6 | 78.8 | 88.3 | 69.6 |
| June | 106.4 | 110.1 | 95.2 | 71.2 | 103.0 | 67.2 | 67.2 | 72.5 | 71.2 | 55.0 |

(Average for 1930 = 100)

| Year and Month | GROCERIES | | | | | | FRUITS AND VEGETABLES | | | |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| June, 1936 | 97.6 | 103.8 | 80.7 | 102.3 | 108.4 | 90.4 | 108.8 | 141.1 | 115.8 | 87.2 |
| June, 1937 | 109.6 | 119.6 | 94.7 | 110.2 | 115.9 | 115.7 | 116.3 | 140.8 | 131.5 | 91.6 |
| June, 1938 | 112.9 | 120.2 | 91.2 | 114.5 | 122.2 | 120.9 | 117.2 | 136.4 | 123.0 | 99.3 |
| June, 1939 | 112.6 | 119.2 | 85.1 | 118.7 | 120.2 | 121.0 | 111.1 | 140.9 | 126.8 | 86.0 |
| 1938 - July | 110.3 | 119.9 | 84.5 | 108.6 | 126.5 | 116.5 | 95.7 | 77.6 | 100.5 | 99.0 |
| August | 114.1 | 117.0 | 82.3 | 107.8 | 136.1 | 127.7 | 88.4 | 71.7 | 91.7 | 95.6 |
| September | 115.7 | 119.3 | 92.8 | 112.6 | 136.7 | 114.9 | 97.0 | 106.6 | 83.4 | 102.2 |
| October | 107.3 | 118.8 | 106.4 | 99.2 | 119.9 | 101.5 | 81.5 | 78.3 | 83.4 | 83.2 |
| November | 106.2 | 116.7 | 105.3 | 102.7 | 115.4 | 98.3 | 78.0 | 75.2 | 82.0 | 76.4 |
| December | 98.8 | 112.2 | 78.3 | 99.7 | 106.1 | 108.3 | 93.0 | 90.8 | 103.5 | 83.9 |
| 1939 - January | 82.7 | 87.0 | 53.3 | 83.1 | 95.5 | 94.8 | 67.5 | 67.8 | 81.5 | 52.4 |
| February | 83.1 | 86.6 | 62.3 | 83.1 | 93.4 | 91.5 | 69.5 | 88.9 | 82.6 | 49.2 |
| March | 97.6 | 104.0 | 75.6 | 94.7 | 110.0 | 108.9 | 88.1 | 101.2 | 105.8 | 65.1 |
| April | 95.3 | 98.2 | 72.0 | 95.2 | 106.6 | 105.3 | 94.7 | 98.8 | 116.2 | 68.7 |
| May | 108.1 | 124.2 | 95.9 | 105.7 | 115.0 | 114.4 | 114.9 | 127.8 | 134.6 | 87.9 |
| June | 112.6 | 119.2 | 85.1 | 118.7 | 120.2 | 121.0 | 111.1 | 140.9 | 126.8 | 86.0 |

| Year and Month | HARDWARE | | | | | TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY | | | |
|----------------------|----------|-----------|--------|---------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces | CANADA | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| June, 1936 | 94.5 | 84.5 | 94.8 | 94.9 | 99.4 | 97.1 | 102.6 | 97.8 | 87.7 |
| June, 1937 | 113.6 | 98.1 | 114.4 | 114.4 | 119.7 | 111.7 | 123.3 | 111.0 | 95.9 |
| June, 1938 | 108.1 | 89.4 | 107.0 | 106.7 | 116.1 | 121.2 | 144.0 | 114.7 | 97.8 |
| June, 1939 | 104.2 | 90.1 | 112.6 | 104.5 | 108.0 | 121.0 | 141.3 | 116.8 | 98.1 |
| 1938 - July | 93.0 | 81.9 | 89.5 | 82.0 | 103.7 | 107.2 | 113.5 | 110.7 | 90.4 |
| August | 102.4 | 80.2 | 98.6 | 75.4 | 119.9 | 105.6 | 102.8 | 112.8 | 97.7 |
| September | 110.7 | 88.2 | 118.4 | 95.4 | 121.4 | 103.1 | 97.0 | 108.7 | 100.0 |
| October | 104.8 | 82.0 | 104.8 | 92.9 | 116.8 | 104.2 | 101.3 | 105.2 | 99.8 |
| November | 99.5 | 77.9 | 101.9 | 90.1 | 108.7 | 104.3 | 101.8 | 104.5 | 103.3 |
| December | 81.4 | 56.7 | 85.2 | 81.7 | 86.4 | 113.7 | 114.3 | 115.0 | 109.0 |
| 1939 - January | 59.8 | 48.0 | 64.3 | 60.7 | 61.6 | 88.2 | 98.0 | 82.5 | 77.4 |
| February | 60.7 | 37.4 | 59.4 | 53.4 | 68.4 | 87.7 | 97.3 | 84.4 | 75.9 |
| March | 84.3 | 62.8 | 79.1 | 73.4 | 95.3 | 98.3 | 104.5 | 97.0 | 87.7 |
| April | 91.4 | 77.3 | 78.5 | 81.2 | 106.4 | 101.2 | 113.0 | 97.2 | 85.7 |
| May | 111.6 | 98.9 | 117.9 | 107.3 | 117.1 | 121.4 | 138.7 | 117.6 | 99.7 |
| June | 104.2 | 90.1 | 112.6 | 104.5 | 108.0 | 121.0 | 141.3 | 116.8 | 98.1 |

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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, JULY, 1939

(Average Monthly Sales, 1930 = 100)

July sales of wholesale trading houses in Canada were 2.3 per cent higher than the amount recorded for the same month a year ago according to returns secured from approximately 200 wholesale firms operating in nine different lines of trade. Corresponding-month comparisons for this year and last for earlier periods showed losses for February, March, April and June while gains were registered in January and May. The index for the nine lines of trade combined, on the base 1930=100, stands at 92.2 for July, 99.3 for June and 90.1 for July of last year. The average index for the first seven months of 1939 was less than 1 per cent greater than the index for the same seven-month period of 1938.

Improvements over July, 1938 were recorded in all lines of trade. The footwear and clothing trades showed the largest gains with increases of 16.7 per cent and 11.9 per cent respectively, while the percentage gains in other lines ranged from 5.3 per cent in the automotive trade to 3.0 per cent in the drug trade. The tobacco and confectionery, hardware, grocery and fruit and vegetable trades which recorded sales in June below the level of June sales a year ago, all showed increases of around 4 per cent in July over July, 1938.

Combined wholesale sales in all economic divisions of the country were up in July except in the Prairie Provinces where a small decline in sales from last July was recorded. Combined wholesale sales in the Maritimes were 5.7 per cent greater than in the corresponding month of 1938; British Columbia, 4.5 per cent; Quebec, 3.3 per cent; and Ontario, 3.0 per cent.

The inventory values on July 31st for all lines of trade combined was 11 per cent lower than the stock value a year ago. The value of stocks on hand in the fruit and vegetable trade was up 8.5 per cent; hardware trade stocks were up 3.6 per cent; automotive equipment, 2.5 per cent and in the grocery trade the increase in stock value was 2.7 per cent. All other groups showed a decline in the value of inventories on hand ranging from 3.4 per cent in the drug trade to 26.2 per cent in the footwear trade.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

| | Percentage Change, 1939, Compared with 1938 | | | |
|----------------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| | S A L E S | | | INVENTORY |
| | (1) | (2) | First | |
| | June, 1939 June, 1938 | July, 1939 July, 1938 | 7 months, 1939 First 7 months, 1938 | July, 1939 July, 1938 |
| Automotive Equipment | + 1.3 | + 1.3 | (a) | + 2.5 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 9.1 | - 1.0 | | |
| Ontario | + 4.0 | + 6.8 | | |
| Western Provinces | - 3.2 | - 0.5 | | |
| Drugs | + 3.8 | + 3.0 | + 6.1 | - 3.4 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .. | + 4.4 | + 3.9 | | |
| Western Provinces | + 2.0 | + 0.2 | | |
| Clothing | + 4.7 | + 11.9 | + 0.4 | (x) |
| Quebec | + 11.7 | + 8.8 | | |
| Ontario and Western Provinces .. | - 0.5 | + 19.0 | | |
| Footwear | + 10.5 | + 16.7 | + 11.9 | - 26.2 |
| Quebec | + 15.0 | + 22.7 | | |
| Ontario | + 3.7 | + 0.7 | | |
| Dry Goods | - 1.2 | + 1.0 | - 4.1 | - 7.9 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 5.1 | + 2.5 | | |
| Ontario | - 5.3 | + 3.4 | | |
| Western Provinces | - 9.0 | - 3.8 | | |
| Fruits and Vegetables | - 3.8 | + 2.1 | + 0.7 | + 8.5 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 1.9 | + 8.2 | | |
| Ontario | + 3.6 | + 7.7 | | |
| Western Provinces | - 11.4 | - 2.7 | | |
| Groceries | - 0.5 | + 2.1 | + 1.5 | + 2.7 |
| Maritimes | - 0.8 | + 3.1 | | |
| Quebec | - 7.0 | - 0.9 | | |
| Ontario | + 3.7 | + 2.0 | | |
| Prairies | - 1.8 | + 1.5 | | |
| British Columbia | + 0.1 | + 5.2 | | |
| Hardware | - 2.9 | + 2.3 | - 2.6 | + 3.6 |
| Maritimes | + 0.8 | + 5.4 | | |
| Quebec | + 6.4 | + 9.7 | | |
| Ontario | - 2.2 | - 2.6 | | |
| Western Provinces | - 7.0 | + 0.7 | | |
| Tobacco and Confectionery | - 0.6 | + 2.6 | + 2.6 | - 11.0 |
| Quebec | - 1.9 | + 4.9 | | |
| Ontario | + 1.8 | - 2.5 | | |
| Western Provinces | - 1.1 | + 4.3 | | |
| Wholesale Trade - | | | | |
| Maritimes | + 1.0 | + 5.7 | | |
| Quebec | + 0.7 | + 3.3 | | |
| Ontario | + 2.4 | + 3.0 | | |
| Prairies | - 5.5 | - 0.4 | | |
| British Columbia | - 1.3 | + 4.5 | | |
| CANADA | - 0.8 | + 2.3 | + 0.8 | - 1.1 |

- (1) Revised
 (2) Preliminary
 (a) No change
 (x) Not available

WHOLESALE TRADE

AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT

| Year and Month | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
|----------------|--------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|------------------|--------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| July, 1936 | 90.3 | 95.6 | 79.2 | 95.5 | 87.1 | 98.4 | 83.8 | 71.0 | 93.8 | 83.8 |
| July, 1937 | 97.4 | 107.3 | 87.5 | 99.5 | 91.0 | 116.8 | 89.9 | 80.6 | 109.3 | 83.3 |
| July, 1938 | 90.1 | 98.9 | 76.3 | 91.5 | 89.8 | 103.4 | 102.3 | 88.1 | 103.2 | 107.3 |
| July, 1939 | 92.2 | 104.5 | 78.8 | 94.2 | 89.4 | 108.1 | 103.6 | 87.2 | 110.2 | 106.8 |
| 1938 - August | 98.2 | 98.2 | 84.7 | 95.1 | 102.9 | 111.9 | 124.0 | 90.8 | 108.6 | 150.1 |
| September | 106.7 | 109.1 | 106.3 | 104.6 | 106.3 | 104.4 | 151.4 | 115.3 | 160.4 | 166.5 |
| October | 97.8 | 105.1 | 100.8 | 93.7 | 95.1 | 99.0 | 140.7 | 115.7 | 125.1 | 164.1 |
| November | 94.7 | 101.5 | 96.8 | 94.8 | 88.2 | 96.4 | 112.5 | 90.2 | 120.5 | 118.9 |
| December | 86.7 | 94.9 | 82.1 | 91.7 | 76.1 | 99.5 | 81.6 | 75.8 | 89.7 | 87.5 |
| 1939 - January | 69.2 | 70.4 | 60.2 | 75.9 | 62.1 | 81.3 | 67.2 | 48.1 | 79.4 | 68.8 |
| February | 71.2 | 69.9 | 69.7 | 76.1 | 61.1 | 81.2 | 62.7 | 51.5 | 71.2 | 62.2 |
| March | 87.4 | 89.1 | 87.7 | 90.1 | 77.2 | 98.7 | 74.2 | 70.1 | 83.1 | 70.8 |
| April | 87.1 | 89.3 | 83.1 | 92.0 | 77.4 | 100.3 | 92.7 | 72.7 | 100.9 | 98.5 |
| May | 101.4 | 111.9 | 104.5 | 107.9 | 85.2 | 111.0 | 107.4 | 108.1 | 119.2 | 101.9 |
| June | 99.3 | 105.5 | 98.4 | 107.2 | 84.4 | 110.1 | 101.5 | 86.3 | 112.6 | 100.7 |
| July | 92.2 | 104.5 | 78.8 | 94.2 | 89.4 | 108.1 | 103.6 | 87.2 | 110.2 | 106.8 |

DRUGS

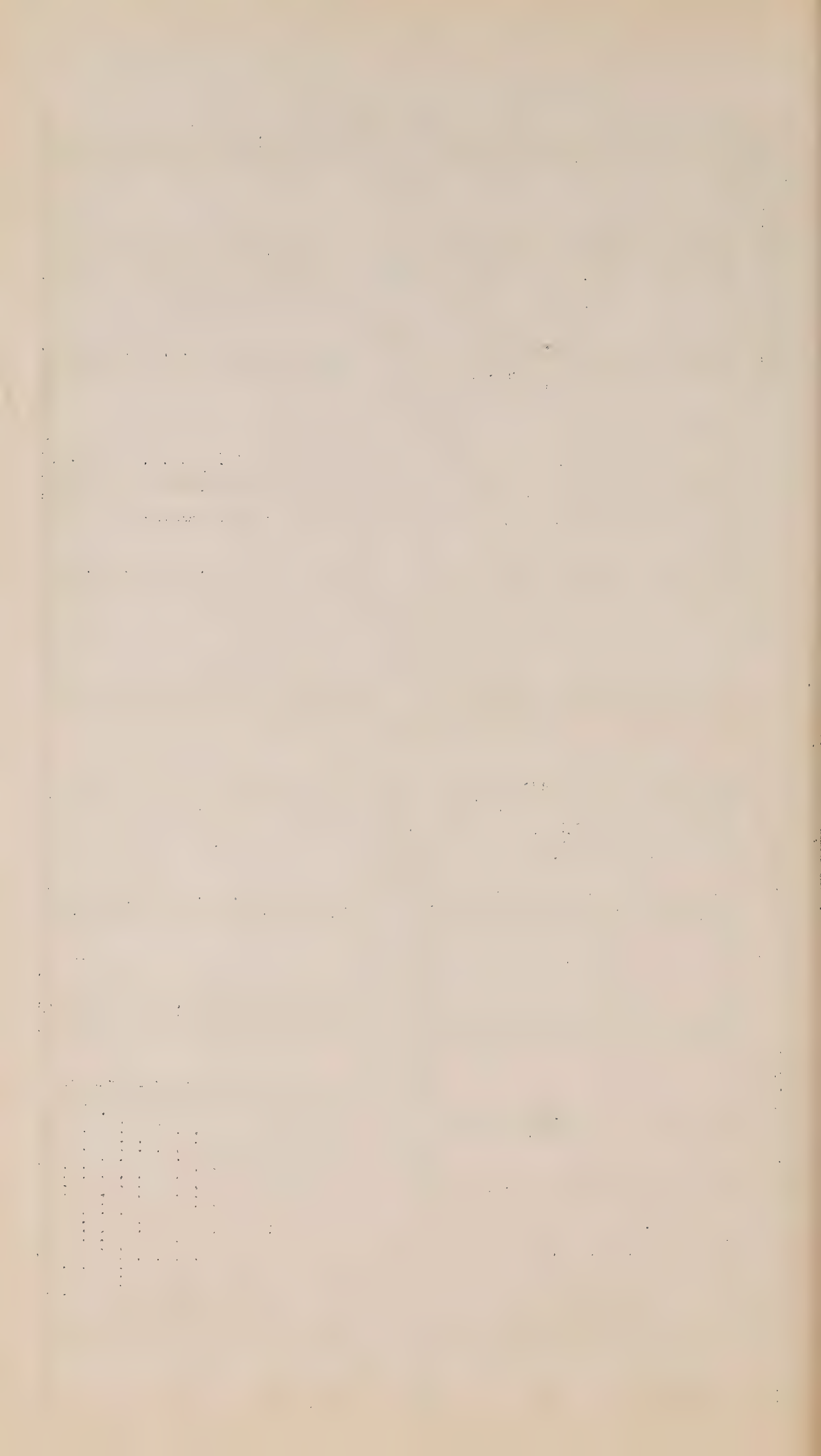
FOOTWEAR

DRY GOODS

| Year and Month | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Western Provinces | CANADA | CANADA | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
|----------------|--------|--------------------|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| July, 1936 | 92.4 | 94.7 | 85.6 | 56.0 | 57.2 | 51.9 | 45.4 | 53.3 | 63.9 |
| July, 1937 | 101.8 | 106.5 | 88.8 | 63.1 | 61.1 | 59.6 | 53.1 | 61.6 | 70.6 |
| July, 1938 | 99.9 | 101.1 | 96.0 | 48.5 | 53.6 | 47.3 | 38.0 | 54.1 | 58.5 |
| July, 1939 | 102.9 | 105.0 | 96.2 | 54.3 | 62.6 | 47.8 | 39.0 | 55.9 | 56.3 |
| 1938 - August | 109.2 | 110.5 | 105.4 | 101.4 | 104.8 | 76.6 | 62.6 | 77.2 | 103.9 |
| September | 120.6 | 125.8 | 106.5 | 135.2 | 141.0 | 101.8 | 97.2 | 102.7 | 110.7 |
| October | 114.8 | 117.3 | 107.6 | 119.0 | 102.4 | 90.8 | 84.6 | 90.2 | 104.5 |
| November | 111.6 | 114.9 | 107.7 | 110.1 | 108.7 | 87.1 | 76.6 | 93.7 | 100.3 |
| December | 106.6 | 109.7 | 98.6 | 82.7 | 80.4 | 64.9 | 63.7 | 70.0 | 60.8 |
| 1939 - January | 102.9 | 106.9 | 91.7 | 41.2 | 39.6 | 50.2 | 39.6 | 67.5 | 49.2 |
| February | 102.8 | 106.9 | 92.4 | 60.4 | 67.5 | 57.8 | 52.2 | 66.6 | 57.6 |
| March | 115.3 | 118.5 | 107.0 | 82.7 | 121.8 | 73.9 | 70.6 | 76.6 | 78.5 |
| April | 108.1 | 109.9 | 102.0 | 77.3 | 95.3 | 67.5 | 70.9 | 68.1 | 60.5 |
| May | 111.9 | 116.2 | 100.0 | 87.3 | 127.6 | 79.6 | 78.8 | 88.3 | 69.6 |
| June | 106.4 | 110.0 | 95.9 | 71.9 | 103.0 | 67.9 | 72.0 | 71.9 | 55.0 |
| July | 102.9 | 105.0 | 96.2 | 54.3 | 62.6 | 47.8 | 39.0 | 55.9 | 56.3 |

| Year and Month | GROCERIES | | | | | | FRUITS AND VEGETABLES | | | |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| July, 1936 | 112.1 | 115.7 | 89.5 | 114.2 | 129.8 | 106.9 | 103.2 | 93.3 | 121.5 | 95.7 |
| July, 1937 | 119.1 | 126.5 | 90.9 | 116.5 | 136.8 | 128.5 | 102.0 | 97.6 | 111.8 | 97.6 |
| July, 1938 | 110.3 | 119.9 | 84.5 | 108.6 | 126.5 | 116.5 | 95.7 | 77.6 | 100.5 | 99.0 |
| July, 1939 | 112.6 | 123.6 | 83.7 | 110.8 | 128.4 | 122.6 | 97.7 | 84.0 | 108.2 | 96.3 |
| 1938 - August | 114.1 | 117.0 | 82.3 | 107.8 | 136.1 | 127.7 | 88.4 | 71.7 | 91.7 | 95.6 |
| September | 115.7 | 119.3 | 92.8 | 112.6 | 136.7 | 114.9 | 97.0 | 106.6 | 83.4 | 102.2 |
| October | 107.3 | 118.8 | 106.4 | 99.2 | 119.9 | 101.5 | 81.5 | 78.3 | 83.4 | 83.2 |
| November | 106.2 | 116.7 | 105.3 | 102.7 | 115.4 | 98.3 | 78.0 | 75.2 | 82.0 | 76.4 |
| December | 98.8 | 112.2 | 78.3 | 99.7 | 106.1 | 108.3 | 93.0 | 90.8 | 103.5 | 83.9 |
| 1939 - January | 82.7 | 87.0 | 53.3 | 83.1 | 95.5 | 94.8 | 67.5 | 67.8 | 81.5 | 52.4 |
| February | 83.1 | 86.6 | 62.3 | 83.1 | 93.4 | 91.5 | 69.5 | 88.9 | 82.6 | 49.2 |
| March | 97.6 | 104.0 | 75.6 | 94.7 | 110.0 | 108.9 | 88.1 | 101.2 | 105.8 | 65.1 |
| April | 95.3 | 98.2 | 72.0 | 95.2 | 106.6 | 105.3 | 94.7 | 98.8 | 116.2 | 68.7 |
| May | 108.1 | 124.2 | 95.9 | 105.7 | 115.0 | 114.4 | 114.9 | 127.8 | 134.6 | 87.9 |
| June | 112.3 | 119.2 | 84.8 | 118.7 | 120.0 | 121.0 | 112.7 | 139.0 | 127.4 | 88.0 |
| July | 112.6 | 122.6 | 83.7 | 110.8 | 128.4 | 122.6 | 97.7 | 84.0 | 108.2 | 96.3 |

| Year and Month | HARDWARE | | | | | | TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY | | |
|----------------|----------|-----------|--------|---------|-------------------|--------|---------------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces | CANADA | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| July, 1936 | 86.3 | 75.7 | 84.2 | 80.8 | 94.2 | 93.6 | 90.9 | 101.1 | 85.7 |
| July, 1937 | 102.3 | 92.7 | 106.8 | 97.1 | 107.8 | 110.3 | 118.1 | 112.4 | 92.6 |
| July, 1938 | 93.0 | 81.9 | 89.5 | 82.0 | 103.7 | 107.2 | 113.5 | 110.7 | 90.4 |
| July, 1939 | 95.1 | 86.3 | 98.2 | 79.9 | 104.4 | 110.0 | 119.1 | 107.9 | 94.3 |
| 1938 - August | 102.4 | 80.2 | 98.6 | 75.4 | 119.9 | 105.6 | 102.8 | 112.8 | 97.7 |
| September | 110.7 | 88.2 | 118.4 | 95.4 | 121.4 | 103.1 | 97.0 | 108.7 | 100.0 |
| October | 104.8 | 82.0 | 104.8 | 92.9 | 116.8 | 104.2 | 101.3 | 105.2 | 99.8 |
| November | 99.5 | 77.9 | 101.9 | 90.1 | 108.7 | 104.3 | 101.8 | 104.5 | 103.3 |
| December | 81.4 | 56.7 | 85.2 | 81.7 | 86.4 | 113.7 | 114.3 | 115.0 | 109.0 |
| 1939 - January | 59.8 | 48.0 | 64.3 | 60.7 | 61.6 | 88.2 | 98.0 | 82.5 | 77.4 |
| February | 60.7 | 37.4 | 59.4 | 53.4 | 68.4 | 87.7 | 97.3 | 84.4 | 75.9 |
| March | 84.3 | 62.8 | 79.1 | 73.4 | 95.3 | 98.3 | 104.5 | 97.0 | 87.7 |
| April | 91.4 | 77.3 | 78.5 | 81.2 | 106.4 | 101.2 | 113.0 | 97.2 | 85.7 |
| May | 111.6 | 98.9 | 117.9 | 107.3 | 117.1 | 121.4 | 138.7 | 117.6 | 99.7 |
| June | 105.0 | 90.1 | 113.8 | 104.4 | 108.0 | 120.5 | 141.3 | 116.8 | 96.7 |
| July | 95.1 | 86.3 | 98.2 | 79.9 | 104.4 | 110.0 | 119.1 | 107.9 | 94.3 |



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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, AUGUST, 1939

(Average Monthly Sales, 1930 = 100)

Dollar value of wholesale sales in Canada was 4.5 per cent higher in August of this year than last according to reports submitted by approximately 200 wholesale houses operating in nine different lines of trade throughout the Dominion. Corresponding month comparisons for 1939 and 1938 showed increased sales in January, May and July while in all other months previous to August the value of sales was below the corresponding month of last year. The index for the nine lines of trade combined (on the base 1930 = 100) stands at 102.6 for August, 92.1 for July and 98.2 for August of 1938.

For the first eight months of 1939 the value of sales for the nine lines of trade combined was 1.3 per cent higher than for the corresponding period a year ago. Six kinds of business registered improvements in sales values in the eight month period comparison while two registered losses and one remained unchanged.

All lines of trade had higher sales in August than in the same month of 1938 except the dry goods trade which was down 2.0 per cent. The footwear trade was up 11.6 per cent; fruits and vegetables, 8.2 per cent; tobacco and confectionery, 5.8 per cent; groceries, 5.2 per cent, while improvements in other groups ranged from 0.4 per cent in the automotive equipment trade to 3.3 per cent in the drug trade.

Combined wholesale sales in all economic sections of the country were higher in August, 1939, than in August, 1938, except in British Columbia where there was a decline of 2.8 per cent. The Maritime Provinces showed a substantial improvement with sales increased 10.1 per cent from last year; the Prairies, which showed a loss in the July comparison were up 7.4 per cent in August; Ontario sales were up 4.9 per cent while Quebec sales were up 2.2 per cent.

On August 31st the value of inventories for all lines of trade combined, was 2 per cent below the stock value on the same date in 1938. The value of merchandise on hand, in the grocery and hardware trades, was up 2.5 per cent in each case but in no other line of trade was an increase in stock value recorded. Stocks in the footwear trade declined almost 30 per cent from the end of August last year; dry goods stocks were down 8 per cent; tobacco and confectionery, 5 per cent; and drugs and fruits and vegetables, 2 per cent. The inventory value in the automotive equipment trade was unchanged.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

| | Percentage Change, 1939, Compared with 1938 | | | |
|----------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|-----------|
| | S A L E S | | | INVENTORY |
| | (1) July, 1939 July, 1938 | (2) August, 1939 August, 1938 | First 8 months, 1939 First 8 months, 1938 | |
| Motor Equipment | + 0.5 | + 0.4 | (a) | (a) |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 0.4 | - 1.5 | | |
| Ontario | + 7.5 | + 6.1 | | |
| Western Provinces | - 2.4 | - 1.0 | | |
| Shoes | + 2.8 | + 3.3 | + 5.7 | - 2.5 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .. | + 3.9 | + 3.6 | | |
| Western Provinces | - 0.1 | + 2.6 | | |
| Woolen Goods | + 12.1 | + 1.9 | + 0.7 | (x) |
| Quebec | + 8.8 | + 9.0 | | |
| Ontario and Western Provinces .. | + 15.3 | - 2.5 | | |
| Shirts and Suits | + 15.2 | + 11.6 | + 11.7 | - 29.5 |
| Quebec | + 22.7 | + 8.0 | | |
| Ontario | - 0.5 | + 19.7 | | |
| Household Goods | + 0.8 | - 2.0 | - 3.8 | - 8.0 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 2.5 | - 2.3 | | |
| Ontario | + 2.5 | + 2.1 | | |
| Western Provinces | - 3.8 | - 6.3 | | |
| Fruits and Vegetables | + 2.6 | + 8.2 | + 1.7 | - 2.3 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 8.6 | - 11.1 | | |
| Ontario | + 7.7 | + 3.5 | | |
| Western Provinces | - 2.0 | + 16.0 | | |
| Meats | + 1.8 | + 5.2 | + 1.9 | + 2.5 |
| Maritimes | + 2.8 | + 12.4 | | |
| Quebec | (a) | + 7.2 | | |
| Ontario | + 1.5 | + 5.3 | | |
| Prairies | + 0.8 | + 9.5 | | |
| British Columbia | + 5.2 | - 7.4 | | |
| Hardware | + 2.4 | + 3.2 | - 1.7 | + 2.5 |
| Maritimes | + 5.4 | + 6.5 | | |
| Quebec | + 9.8 | + 2.6 | | |
| Ontario | - 2.6 | + 6.4 | | |
| Western Provinces | + 0.7 | + 2.3 | | |
| Tobacco and Confectionery | + 2.1 | + 5.8 | + 3.0 | - 4.7 |
| Quebec | + 4.9 | + 9.8 | | |
| Ontario | - 3.0 | + 4.4 | | |
| Western Provinces | + 4.3 | + 4.3 | | |
| Wholesale Trade - | | | | |
| Maritimes | + 5.6 | + 10.1 | | |
| Quebec | + 3.5 | + 2.2 | | |
| Ontario | + 2.6 | + 4.9 | | |
| Prairies | - 0.6 | + 7.4 | | |
| British Columbia | + 4.5 | - 2.8 | | |
| CANADA | + 2.2 | + 4.5 | + 1.3 | - 2.0 |

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| Year and Month | WHOLESALE TRADE | | | | | AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT | | | | |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|----------------------|--------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| August, 1936 | 90.1 | 87.8 | 77.9 | 89.3 | 96.9 | 92.6 | 101.7 | 67.9 | 95.5 | 124.1 |
| August, 1937 | 98.2 | 100.8 | 92.3 | 96.8 | 95.9 | 110.6 | 107.0 | 98.0 | 109.3 | 112.2 |
| August, 1938 | 98.2 | 98.2 | 84.7 | 95.1 | 102.9 | 111.9 | 124.0 | 90.8 | 108.8 | 150.1 |
| August, 1939 | 102.6 | 108.1 | 86.6 | 99.8 | 110.5 | 108.8 | 124.5 | 89.4 | 115.4 | 148.6 |
| 1938 - September | 106.7 | 109.1 | 106.3 | 104.6 | 106.3 | 104.4 | 151.4 | 115.3 | 160.4 | 166.5 |
| October | 97.8 | 105.1 | 100.8 | 93.7 | 95.1 | 99.0 | 140.7 | 115.7 | 125.1 | 164.1 |
| November | 94.7 | 101.5 | 96.8 | 94.8 | 88.2 | 96.4 | 112.5 | 90.2 | 120.5 | 118.9 |
| December | 86.7 | 94.9 | 82.1 | 91.7 | 76.1 | 99.5 | 81.6 | 75.8 | 89.7 | 87.5 |
| 1939 - January | 69.2 | 70.4 | 60.2 | 75.9 | 62.1 | 81.3 | 67.2 | 48.1 | 79.4 | 68.8 |
| February | 71.2 | 69.9 | 69.7 | 76.1 | 61.1 | 81.2 | 62.7 | 51.5 | 71.2 | 62.2 |
| March | 87.4 | 89.1 | 87.7 | 90.1 | 77.2 | 98.7 | 74.2 | 70.1 | 83.1 | 70.8 |
| April | 87.1 | 89.3 | 83.1 | 92.0 | 77.4 | 100.3 | 92.7 | 72.7 | 100.9 | 98.5 |
| May | 101.4 | 111.9 | 104.5 | 107.9 | 85.2 | 111.0 | 107.4 | 108.1 | 119.2 | 101.9 |
| June | 99.3 | 105.5 | 98.4 | 107.2 | 84.4 | 110.1 | 101.5 | 86.3 | 112.6 | 100.7 |
| July | 92.1 | 104.4 | 79.0 | 93.9 | 89.3 | 108.1 | 102.8 | 87.7 | 110.9 | 104.7 |
| August | 102.6 | 108.1 | 86.6 | 99.8 | 110.5 | 108.8 | 124.5 | 89.4 | 115.4 | 148.6 |

| Year and Month | DRUGS | | | CLOTHING | | FOOTWEAR | DRY GOODS | | |
|------------------|--------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------|--------|----------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes Que. & Ont. | Western Provinces | CANADA | CANADA | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| August, 1936 | 88.6 | 89.5 | 85.9 | 97.9 | 95.1 | 74.6 | 62.9 | 72.6 | 100.8 |
| August, 1937 | 104.8 | 109.1 | 93.4 | 113.0 | 117.2 | 88.2 | 76.5 | 88.9 | 110.9 |
| August, 1938 | 109.2 | 110.5 | 105.4 | 101.4 | 104.8 | 76.6 | 62.6 | 77.2 | 103.9 |
| August, 1939 | 112.8 | 114.5 | 108.1 | 103.3 | 117.0 | 75.1 | 61.2 | 78.8 | 97.4 |
| 1938 - September | 120.6 | 125.8 | 106.5 | 135.2 | 141.0 | 101.8 | 97.2 | 102.7 | 110.7 |
| October | 114.8 | 117.3 | 107.6 | 119.0 | 102.4 | 90.8 | 84.6 | 90.2 | 104.5 |
| November | 111.6 | 114.9 | 102.7 | 110.1 | 108.7 | 87.1 | 76.6 | 93.7 | 100.3 |
| December | 106.6 | 109.7 | 98.6 | 82.7 | 80.4 | 64.9 | 63.7 | 70.0 | 60.8 |
| 1939 - January | 102.9 | 106.9 | 91.7 | 41.2 | 39.6 | 50.2 | 39.6 | 67.5 | 49.2 |
| February | 102.8 | 106.9 | 92.4 | 60.4 | 67.5 | 57.8 | 52.2 | 66.6 | 57.6 |
| March | 115.3 | 118.5 | 107.0 | 82.7 | 121.8 | 73.9 | 70.6 | 76.6 | 78.5 |
| April | 108.1 | 109.9 | 102.0 | 77.3 | 95.3 | 67.5 | 70.9 | 68.1 | 60.5 |
| May | 111.9 | 116.2 | 100.0 | 87.3 | 127.6 | 79.6 | 78.8 | 88.3 | 69.6 |
| June | 106.4 | 110.0 | 95.9 | 71.9 | 103.0 | 67.9 | 72.0 | 71.9 | 55.0 |
| July | 102.7 | 105.0 | 95.9 | 54.4 | 61.7 | 47.7 | 39.0 | 55.5 | 56.3 |
| August | 112.8 | 114.5 | 108.1 | 103.3 | 117.0 | 75.1 | 61.2 | 78.8 | 97.4 |

| Year and Month | GROCERIES | | | | | | | FRUITS AND VEGETABLES | | |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|------------------|--------|-----------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| August, 1936 | 106.1 | 103.0 | 81.5 | 103.7 | 130.7 | 101.3 | 89.0 | 68.8 | 92.8 | 97.2 |
| August, 1937 | 111.4 | 115.3 | 86.9 | 106.7 | 130.7 | 117.8 | 90.2 | 81.9 | 94.0 | 93.5 |
| August, 1938 | 114.1 | 117.0 | 82.3 | 107.8 | 136.1 | 127.7 | 88.4 | 71.7 | 91.7 | 95.6 |
| August, 1939 | 120.0 | 113.5 | 88.2 | 113.5 | 149.0 | 118.3 | 95.6 | 63.7 | 94.9 | 110.9 |
| 1938 - September | 115.7 | 119.3 | 92.8 | 112.6 | 136.7 | 114.9 | 97.0 | 106.6 | 83.4 | 102.2 |
| October | 107.3 | 118.8 | 106.4 | 99.2 | 119.9 | 101.5 | 81.5 | 78.3 | 83.4 | 83.2 |
| November | 106.2 | 116.7 | 105.3 | 102.7 | 115.4 | 98.3 | 78.0 | 75.2 | 82.0 | 76.4 |
| December | 98.8 | 112.2 | 78.3 | 99.7 | 106.1 | 108.3 | 93.0 | 90.8 | 103.5 | 83.9 |
| 1939 - January | 82.7 | 87.0 | 53.3 | 83.1 | 95.5 | 94.8 | 67.5 | 67.8 | 81.5 | 52.4 |
| February | 83.1 | 86.6 | 62.3 | 83.1 | 93.4 | 91.5 | 69.5 | 88.9 | 82.6 | 49.2 |
| March | 97.6 | 104.0 | 75.6 | 94.7 | 110.0 | 108.9 | 88.1 | 101.2 | 105.8 | 65.1 |
| April | 95.3 | 98.2 | 72.0 | 95.2 | 106.6 | 105.3 | 94.7 | 98.8 | 116.2 | 68.7 |
| May | 108.1 | 124.2 | 95.9 | 105.7 | 115.0 | 114.4 | 114.9 | 127.8 | 134.6 | 87.9 |
| June | 112.3 | 119.2 | 84.8 | 118.7 | 120.0 | 121.0 | 112.7 | 139.0 | 127.4 | 88.0 |
| July | 112.3 | 123.3 | 84.5 | 110.2 | 127.5 | 122.6 | 98.2 | 84.3 | 108.2 | 97.0 |
| August | 120.0 | 131.5 | 88.2 | 113.5 | 149.0 | 118.3 | 95.6 | 63.7 | 94.9 | 110.9 |

| Year and Month | HARDWARE | | | | | TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY | | | |
|------------------|----------|-----------|--------|---------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces | CANADA | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| August, 1936 | 88.2 | 75.9 | 81.9 | 70.6 | 101.8 | 88.8 | 82.9 | 94.7 | 87.8 |
| August, 1937 | 102.0 | 81.7 | 106.5 | 83.4 | 113.1 | 104.0 | 105.4 | 108.9 | 92.5 |
| August, 1938 | 102.4 | 80.2 | 98.6 | 75.4 | 119.9 | 105.6 | 102.8 | 112.8 | 97.7 |
| August, 1939 | 105.7 | 85.4 | 101.2 | 80.2 | 122.7 | 111.7 | 112.9 | 117.8 | 101.9 |
| 1938 - September | 110.7 | 88.2 | 118.4 | 95.4 | 121.4 | 103.1 | 97.0 | 108.7 | 100.0 |
| October | 104.8 | 82.0 | 104.8 | 92.9 | 116.8 | 104.2 | 101.3 | 105.2 | 99.8 |
| November | 99.5 | 77.9 | 101.9 | 90.1 | 108.7 | 104.3 | 101.8 | 104.5 | 103.3 |
| December | 81.4 | 56.7 | 85.2 | 81.7 | 86.4 | 113.7 | 114.3 | 115.0 | 109.0 |
| 1939 - January | 59.8 | 48.0 | 64.3 | 60.7 | 61.6 | 88.2 | 98.0 | 82.5 | 77.4 |
| February | 60.7 | 37.4 | 59.4 | 53.4 | 68.4 | 87.7 | 97.3 | 84.4 | 75.9 |
| March | 84.3 | 62.8 | 79.1 | 73.4 | 95.3 | 98.3 | 104.5 | 97.0 | 87.7 |
| April | 91.4 | 77.3 | 78.5 | 81.2 | 106.4 | 101.2 | 113.0 | 97.2 | 85.7 |
| May | 111.6 | 98.9 | 117.9 | 107.3 | 117.1 | 121.4 | 138.7 | 117.6 | 99.7 |
| June | 105.0 | 90.1 | 113.8 | 104.4 | 108.0 | 120.5 | 141.3 | 116.8 | 96.7 |
| July | 95.2 | 86.3 | 98.3 | 79.9 | 104.4 | 109.5 | 119.1 | 107.4 | 94.3 |
| August | 105.7 | 85.4 | 101.2 | 80.2 | 122.7 | 111.7 | 112.9 | 117.8 | 101.9 |

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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, SEPTEMBER, 1939

(Average Monthly Sales, 1930 = 100)

Wholesale trading in consumers' goods moved sharply upward in September. The dollar volume of sales for nine lines of business for which figures are available averaged 33 per cent higher than in September, 1938, and were up by 38 per cent from last year. Increased consumer demand, rising prices and inventory buying by the retail trade all contributed to the sudden and marked increase in September sales, the general index of sales on the base 1930 equals 100 standing at 141.7 for September, 1939, 102.6 for August and 106.7 for September a year ago.

Sales for wholesale grocers were 43 per cent higher in September of this year than last, results on a regional basis revealing increases of 51 per cent for the Maritime Provinces, 46 per cent for Quebec, 42 per cent for Ontario, 37 per cent for the Prairie Provinces and 50 per cent for British Columbia. The Bureau's wholesale price index for foods, beverages and tobacco was less than four per cent higher in September of this year than last. The retail grocery trade was up approximately 15 per cent in the same comparison. While the three series of indexes for wholesale grocery trade, wholesale prices and retail sales are not strictly comparable, it is evident that a considerable portion of the increase in wholesale grocery dealing must be attributed to the forcing of the policy of hand-to-mouth buying by the retail trade and to the laying-in of stocks in anticipation of increased demand and further price movements.

Wholesalers in the dry goods trade increased their sales 37 per cent for September, 1938, and the increase for the hardware trade was only slightly less at 34 per cent. The tobacco and confectionery trade was up by 25 per cent; automotive equipment, 20 per cent; clothing, 18 per cent; fruits and vegetables, 17 per cent, while the drug and footwear trades each reported an increase of 14 per cent.

Aggregate figures for all trades combined indicate that increases were somewhat greater in the extreme East and West than in the central portions of the country. Sales in the Maritimes were up by 43 per cent; British Columbia sales were up 54 per cent while increases for the other regions were 33 per cent for Quebec, 35 per cent for Ontario and 27 per cent for the Prairie Provinces.

Comparison of wholesalers' inventories at the end of September, 1938 and 1939 reveal mixed trends. Inventory for the wholesale grocery trade was up by 8 per cent and minor increases were also reported for the fruit and vegetable trade, hardware trade, drugs and automotive equipment. Other trades reported lower inventories with the result that aggregate inventories for all trades included in the survey remained unchanged from a year ago.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

| | Percentage Change, 1939, Compared with 1938 | | | |
|---------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|-----------|
| | S A L E S | | | INVENTORY |
| | (1) Aug., 1939 Aug., 1938 | (2) Sept., 1939 Sept., 1938 | First 9 months, 1939 First 9 months, 1938 | |
| Motor Equipment | + 0.5 | + 19.7 | + 3.4 | + 1.5 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 1.5 | + 17.5 | | |
| Ontario | + 6.3 | + 3.5 | | |
| Western Provinces | - 1.0 | + 29.1 | | |
| as | + 3.2 | + 14.3 | + 6.8 | + 2.3 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario . | + 3.5 | + 16.0 | | |
| Western Provinces | + 2.4 | + 8.8 | | |
| Shing | + 1.9 | + 18.0 | + 4.0 | (x) |
| Quebec | + 9.0 | + 16.4 | | |
| Ontario and Western Provinces . | - 2.5 | + 19.2 | | |
| Shoe wear | + 11.6 | + 13.7 | + 12.0 | - 27.3 |
| Quebec | + 8.0 | - 1.6 | | |
| Ontario | + 19.7 | + 41.2 | | |
| y Goods | - 3.0 | + 37.4 | + 2.6 | - 10.1 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 2.3 | + 44.3 | | |
| Ontario | + 2.1 | + 46.2 | | |
| Western Provinces | - 8.9 | + 15.1 | | |
| Fruits and Vegetables | + 8.2 | + 16.8 | + 3.5 | + 4.2 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 11.1 | - 0.6 | | |
| Ontario | + 3.5 | + 22.3 | | |
| Western Provinces | + 16.0 | + 16.6 | | |
| Ceries | + 5.2 | + 42.5 | + 7.1 | + 7.9 |
| Maritimes | + 10.7 | + 50.7 | | |
| Quebec | + 8.3 | + 45.6 | | |
| Ontario | + 4.6 | + 41.8 | | |
| Prairies | + 9.5 | + 37.0 | | |
| British Columbia | - 7.4 | + 49.6 | | |
| Hardware | + 2.6 | + 33.5 | + 2.8 | + 2.1 |
| Maritimes | + 6.5 | + 40.4 | | |
| Quebec | - 0.6 | + 39.8 | | |
| Ontario | + 6.4 | + 49.7 | | |
| Western Provinces | + 2.5 | + 26.0 | | |
| acco and Confectionery | + 9.8 | + 24.5 | + 5.9 | - 6.0 |
| Quebec | + 16.9 | + 25.4 | | |
| Ontario | + 5.0 | + 24.5 | | |
| Western Provinces | + 4.3 | + 22.9 | | |
| Wholesale Trade - | | | | |
| Maritimes | + 9.2 | + 42.7 | | |
| Quebec | + 3.6 | + 32.5 | | |
| Ontario | + 4.7 | + 34.8 | | |
| Prairies | + 7.1 | + 27.1 | | |
| British Columbia | - 2.6 | + 40.0 | | |
| CANADA | + 4.5 | + 32.8 | + 5.5 | (a) |

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| Year and Month | GROCERIES | | | | | | FRUITS AND VEGETABLES | | | |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| September, 1936 | 110.0 | 112.2 | 95.4 | 107.6 | 129.8 | 100.8 | 92.3 | 101.7 | 81.1 | 95.9 |
| September, 1937 | 123.3 | 129.7 | 109.2 | 115.7 | 146.2 | 117.1 | 102.3 | 126.8 | 90.3 | 102.8 |
| September, 1938 | 115.7 | 119.3 | 92.8 | 112.6 | 136.7 | 114.9 | 97.0 | 106.6 | 83.4 | 102.2 |
| September, 1939 | 164.9 | 179.8 | 135.1 | 159.7 | 187.3 | 171.9 | 113.3 | 106.0 | 102.0 | 119.2 |
| 1938 - October | 107.3 | 118.8 | 106.4 | 99.2 | 119.9 | 101.5 | 81.5 | 78.3 | 83.4 | 83.2 |
| 1938 - November | 106.2 | 116.7 | 105.3 | 102.7 | 115.4 | 98.3 | 78.0 | 75.2 | 82.0 | 76.4 |
| 1938 - December | 98.8 | 112.2 | 78.3 | 99.7 | 106.1 | 108.3 | 93.0 | 90.8 | 103.5 | 83.9 |
| 1939 - January | 82.7 | 87.0 | 53.3 | 83.1 | 95.5 | 94.8 | 67.5 | 67.8 | 81.5 | 52.4 |
| 1939 - February | 83.1 | 86.6 | 62.3 | 83.1 | 93.4 | 91.5 | 69.5 | 88.9 | 82.6 | 49.2 |
| 1939 - March | 97.6 | 104.0 | 75.6 | 94.7 | 110.0 | 108.9 | 88.1 | 101.2 | 105.8 | 65.1 |
| 1939 - April | 95.3 | 98.2 | 72.0 | 95.2 | 106.6 | 105.3 | 94.7 | 98.8 | 116.2 | 68.7 |
| 1939 - May | 108.1 | 124.2 | 95.9 | 105.7 | 115.0 | 114.4 | 114.9 | 127.8 | 134.6 | 87.9 |
| 1939 - June | 112.3 | 119.2 | 84.8 | 118.7 | 120.0 | 121.0 | 112.7 | 139.0 | 127.4 | 88.0 |
| 1939 - July | 112.3 | 123.4 | 84.5 | 110.2 | 127.6 | 122.6 | 98.2 | 84.3 | 108.2 | 97.0 |
| 1939 - August | 120.0 | 129.5 | 89.1 | 112.5 | 149.0 | 118.3 | 95.6 | 63.7 | 94.9 | 110.9 |
| 1939 - September | 164.9 | 179.8 | 135.1 | 159.7 | 187.3 | 171.9 | 113.3 | 106.0 | 102.0 | 119.2 |

| Year and Month | TANNED | | | | | | TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY | | | |
|------------------|--------|-----------|--------|---------|-------------------|--------|---------------------------|---------|-------------------|--|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces | CANADA | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces | |
| September, 1936 | 103.5 | 93.8 | 100.0 | 87.4 | 116.7 | 93.2 | 85.8 | 97.2 | 94.3 | |
| September, 1937 | 116.2 | 106.5 | 123.9 | 102.3 | 124.8 | 99.4 | 92.1 | 107.2 | 96.0 | |
| September, 1938 | 110.7 | 88.2 | 118.4 | 95.4 | 121.4 | 103.1 | 97.0 | 108.7 | 100.0 | |
| September, 1939 | 147.8 | 123.8 | 165.5 | 142.8 | 153.0 | 128.4 | 121.6 | 135.3 | 122.9 | |
| 1938 - October | 104.8 | 82.0 | 104.8 | 92.9 | 116.8 | 104.2 | 101.3 | 105.2 | 99.8 | |
| 1938 - November | 99.5 | 77.9 | 101.9 | 90.1 | 108.7 | 104.3 | 101.8 | 104.5 | 103.3 | |
| 1938 - December | 81.4 | 56.7 | 85.2 | 81.7 | 86.4 | 113.7 | 114.3 | 115.0 | 109.0 | |
| 1939 - January | 59.8 | 48.0 | 64.3 | 60.7 | 61.6 | 88.2 | 98.0 | 82.5 | 77.4 | |
| 1939 - February | 60.7 | 37.4 | 59.4 | 53.4 | 68.4 | 87.7 | 97.3 | 84.4 | 75.9 | |
| 1939 - March | 84.3 | 62.8 | 79.1 | 73.4 | 95.3 | 98.3 | 104.5 | 97.0 | 87.7 | |
| 1939 - April | 91.4 | 77.3 | 78.5 | 81.2 | 106.4 | 101.2 | 113.0 | 97.2 | 85.7 | |
| 1939 - May | 111.6 | 98.9 | 117.9 | 107.3 | 117.1 | 121.4 | 138.7 | 117.6 | 99.7 | |
| 1939 - June | 105.0 | 90.1 | 113.8 | 104.4 | 108.0 | 120.5 | 141.3 | 116.8 | 96.7 | |
| 1939 - July | 95.2 | 86.3 | 98.3 | 79.9 | 104.4 | 109.5 | 117.2 | 107.4 | 94.3 | |
| 1939 - August | 105.1 | 85.4 | 98.0 | 80.2 | 122.9 | 115.9 | 120.2 | 118.4 | 101.9 | |
| 1939 - September | 147.8 | 123.8 | 165.5 | 142.8 | 153.0 | 128.4 | 121.6 | 135.3 | 122.9 | |

| Year and Month | WHOLESALE TRADE | | | | | AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|----------------------|--------|--------------------|---------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario |
| September, 1936 | 101.2 | 105.9 | 101.2 | 97.9 | 102.5 | 95.9 | 128.7 | 84.8 | 122.7 |
| September, 1937 | 113.3 | 123.6 | 118.9 | 109.2 | 108.5 | 112.4 | 143.1 | 116.7 | 158.2 |
| September, 1938 | 106.7 | 109.1 | 106.3 | 104.6 | 106.3 | 104.4 | 151.4 | 115.3 | 160.4 |
| September, 1939 | 141.7 | 155.7 | 140.8 | 141.0 | 135.1 | 146.2 | 181.2 | 135.5 | 166.0 |
| 1938 - October | 97.8 | 105.1 | 100.8 | 93.7 | 95.1 | 99.0 | 140.7 | 115.7 | 125.1 |
| 1938 - November | 94.7 | 101.5 | 96.8 | 94.8 | 88.2 | 96.4 | 112.5 | 90.2 | 120.5 |
| 1938 - December | 86.7 | 94.9 | 82.1 | 91.7 | 76.1 | 99.5 | 81.6 | 75.8 | 89.7 |
| 1939 - January | 69.2 | 70.4 | 60.2 | 75.9 | 62.1 | 81.3 | 67.2 | 48.1 | 79.4 |
| 1939 - February | 71.2 | 69.9 | 69.7 | 76.1 | 61.1 | 81.2 | 62.7 | 51.5 | 71.2 |
| 1939 - March | 87.4 | 89.1 | 87.7 | 90.1 | 77.2 | 98.7 | 74.2 | 70.1 | 83.1 |
| 1939 - April | 87.1 | 89.3 | 83.1 | 92.0 | 77.4 | 100.3 | 92.7 | 72.7 | 100.9 |
| 1939 - May | 101.4 | 111.9 | 104.5 | 107.9 | 85.2 | 111.0 | 107.4 | 108.1 | 119.2 |
| 1939 - June | 99.3 | 105.5 | 98.4 | 107.2 | 84.4 | 110.1 | 101.5 | 86.3 | 112.6 |
| 1939 - July | 92.1 | 104.3 | 78.8 | 93.9 | 89.4 | 108.1 | 102.8 | 87.7 | 110.9 |
| 1939 - August | 102.6 | 107.2 | 87.7 | 99.6 | 110.2 | 109.0 | 124.6 | 89.4 | 115.7 |
| 1939 - September | 141.7 | 155.7 | 140.8 | 141.0 | 135.1 | 146.2 | 181.2 | 135.5 | 166.0 |

| Year and Month | DRUGS | | | | CLOTHING | | FOOTWEAR | | DRY GOODS | | |
|------------------------|--------|-----------------------|-------------------|--|----------|--|----------|--|-----------|--------------------|---------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes Que. & Ont. | Western Provinces | | CANADA | | CANADA | | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario |
| September, 1936 | 103.7 | 107.0 | 94.7 | | 138.6 | | 129.0 | | 107.2 | 99.5 | 104.9 |
| September, 1937 | 122.2 | 130.2 | 100.8 | | 147.1 | | 160.2 | | 118.8 | 115.9 | 117.2 |
| September, 1938 | 120.6 | 125.8 | 106.5 | | 135.2 | | 141.0 | | 101.8 | 97.2 | 102.7 |
| September, 1939 | 137.8 | 145.9 | 115.9 | | 159.5 | | 160.3 | | 139.9 | 140.3 | 150.1 |
| 1938 - October | 114.8 | 117.3 | 107.6 | | 119.0 | | 102.4 | | 90.8 | 84.6 | 90.2 |
| 1938 - November | 111.6 | 114.9 | 102.7 | | 110.1 | | 108.7 | | 87.1 | 76.6 | 93.7 |
| 1938 - December | 106.6 | 109.7 | 98.6 | | 82.7 | | 80.4 | | 64.9 | 63.7 | 70.0 |
| 1939 - January | 102.9 | 106.9 | 91.7 | | 41.2 | | 39.6 | | 50.2 | 39.6 | 67.5 |
| 1939 - February | 102.8 | 106.9 | 92.4 | | 60.4 | | 67.5 | | 57.8 | 52.2 | 66.6 |
| 1939 - March | 115.3 | 118.5 | 107.0 | | 82.7 | | 121.8 | | 73.9 | 70.6 | 76.6 |
| 1939 - April | 108.1 | 109.9 | 102.0 | | 77.3 | | 95.3 | | 67.5 | 70.9 | 68.1 |
| 1939 - May | 111.9 | 116.2 | 100.0 | | 87.3 | | 127.6 | | 79.6 | 78.8 | 88.3 |
| 1939 - June | 106.4 | 110.0 | 95.9 | | 71.9 | | 103.0 | | 67.9 | 72.0 | 71.9 |
| 1939 - July | 102.7 | 105.0 | 95.9 | | 54.4 | | 61.7 | | 47.7 | 39.0 | 55.5 |
| 1939 - August | 112.7 | 114.4 | 107.9 | | 103.3 | | 117.0 | | 74.3 | 61.2 | 78.8 |
| 1939 - September | 137.8 | 145.9 | 115.9 | | 159.5 | | 160.3 | | 139.9 | 140.3 | 150.1 |

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Comparison of inventory values at the end of October, 1939, and 1938 reveal wide variations in trends for the lines of trade included in the survey. Stocks increased substantially in the grocery trade where stocks were 28 per cent higher than a year ago, in the fruits and vegetables trade with a stock gain of 12 per cent and in the hardware trade where stocks were up 8 per cent. A slight increase was registered in stocks held by wholesale drug firms while in all other lines recessions in stock activities were recorded. On October 31st goods on hand in the footwear trade were 31 per cent lower than on the corresponding date of 1938, 12 per cent lower in the dry goods trade, 4 per cent lower in the tobacco and confectionery trade and 2 per cent down in the automotive equipment line. Aggregate inventories, for all lines of trade combined, were 9 per cent higher at the end of October this year than on the same date a year ago.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

| | Percentage Change, 1939, Compared with 1938 | | | |
|----------------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|-----------|
| | S A L E S | | | INVENTORY |
| | (1) | (2) | First | |
| | Sept., 1939 Sept., 1938 | Oct., 1939 Oct., 1938 | 10 months, 1939 First 10 months, 1938 | |
| Automotive Equipment | + 19.7 | + 8.8 | + 4.1 | - 2.3 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 17.5 | + 6.8 | | |
| Ontario | + 3.5 | + 13.3 | | |
| Western Provinces | + 29.1 | + 7.7 | | |
| Food | + 14.2 | + 8.5 | + 7.0 | + 0.5 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .. | + 15.9 | + 9.6 | | |
| Western Provinces | + 8.8 | + 5.3 | | |
| Clothing | + 18.0 | + 34.8 | + 8.4 | (x) |
| Quebec | + 16.4 | + 36.1 | | |
| Ontario and Western Provinces .. | + 19.2 | + 33.1 | | |
| Footwear | + 13.7 | + 59.1 | + 17.4 | + 30.8 |
| Quebec | - 1.6 | + 47.6 | | |
| Ontario | + 41.2 | + 79.2 | | |
| Textile Goods | + 37.3 | + 46.5 | + 8.0 | - 12.0 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 43.7 | + 47.0 | | |
| Ontario | + 46.2 | + 56.6 | | |
| Western Provinces | + 15.1 | + 35.0 | | |
| Fruits and Vegetables | + 17.5 | + 7.8 | + 4.0 | + 11.6 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 9.5 | - 9.1 | | |
| Ontario | + 22.3 | + 7.5 | | |
| Western Provinces | + 16.6 | + 11.4 | | |
| Dairy Products | + 42.5 | + 18.1 | + 8.3 | + 28.2 |
| Maritimes | + 50.7 | + 17.2 | | |
| Quebec | + 48.1 | + 9.9 | | |
| Ontario | + 40.6 | + 14.8 | | |
| Prairies | + 37.0 | + 23.1 | | |
| British Columbia | + 49.6 | + 23.4 | | |
| Hardware | + 33.5 | + 22.3 | + 5.0 | + 8.0 |
| Maritimes | + 40.4 | + 31.9 | | |
| Quebec | + 39.8 | + 30.4 | | |
| Ontario | + 49.7 | + 24.8 | | |
| Western Provinces | + 26.0 | + 18.3 | | |
| Bakery and Confectionery | + 23.7 | + 8.7 | + 6.1 | - 4.2 |
| Quebec | + 25.4 | + 16.6 | | |
| Ontario | + 24.5 | + 1.2 | | |
| Western Provinces | + 20.4 | + 5.8 | | |
| Wholesale Trade - | | | | |
| Maritimes | + 42.3 | + 19.6 | | |
| Quebec | + 33.9 | + 21.1 | | |
| Ontario | + 34.5 | + 20.3 | | |
| Prairies | + 26.9 | + 18.5 | | |
| British Columbia | + 40.0 | + 21.1 | | |
| Canada | + 33.0 | + 20.0 | + 7.1 | + 9.0 |

)Revised
)Preliminary
)Not available

| Year and Month | WHOLESALE TRADE | | | | | AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|----------------------|--------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| October, 1936 | 103.8 | 107.7 | 106.3 | 98.9 | 104.7 | 99.2 | 138.7 | 104.6 | 141.1 | 155.8 |
| October, 1937 | 107.4 | 116.7 | 116.4 | 105.6 | 97.5 | 108.5 | 134.4 | 101.6 | 160.4 | 137.1 |
| October, 1938 | 97.8 | 105.1 | 100.8 | 93.7 | 95.1 | 99.0 | 140.7 | 115.7 | 125.1 | 164.1 |
| October, 1939 | 117.4 | 125.7 | 122.1 | 112.7 | 112.7 | 119.9 | 153.1 | 123.6 | 141.7 | 176.7 |
| 1938 - November | 94.7 | 101.5 | 96.8 | 94.8 | 88.2 | 96.4 | 112.5 | 90.2 | 120.5 | 118.9 |
| December | 86.7 | 94.9 | 82.1 | 91.7 | 76.1 | 99.5 | 81.6 | 75.8 | 89.7 | 87.5 |
| 1939 - January | 69.2 | 70.4 | 60.2 | 75.9 | 62.1 | 81.3 | 67.2 | 48.1 | 79.4 | 68.8 |
| February | 71.2 | 69.9 | 69.7 | 76.1 | 61.1 | 81.2 | 62.7 | 51.5 | 71.2 | 62.2 |
| March | 87.4 | 89.1 | 87.7 | 90.1 | 77.2 | 98.7 | 74.2 | 70.1 | 83.1 | 70.8 |
| April | 87.1 | 89.3 | 83.1 | 92.0 | 77.4 | 100.3 | 92.7 | 72.7 | 100.9 | 98.5 |
| May | 101.4 | 111.9 | 104.5 | 107.9 | 85.2 | 111.0 | 107.4 | 108.1 | 119.2 | 101.9 |
| June | 99.3 | 105.5 | 98.4 | 107.2 | 84.4 | 110.1 | 101.5 | 86.3 | 112.6 | 100.7 |
| July | 92.1 | 104.3 | 78.8 | 93.9 | 89.4 | 108.1 | 102.8 | 87.7 | 110.9 | 104.7 |
| August | 102.7 | 107.2 | 87.9 | 99.6 | 110.2 | 109.0 | 124.6 | 89.4 | 115.7 | 148.6 |
| September | 141.9 | 155.2 | 142.3 | 140.7 | 134.9 | 146.2 | 181.2 | 135.5 | 166.0 | 215.0 |
| October | 117.4 | 125.7 | 122.1 | 112.7 | 112.7 | 119.9 | 153.1 | 123.6 | 141.7 | 176.7 |

| Year and Month | DRUGS | | | CLOTHING | | FOOTWEAR | | DRY GOODS | | |
|-----------------|--------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------|--------|----------|--------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes Que. & Ont. | Western Provinces | CANADA | CANADA | CANADA | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| October, 1936 | 109.8 | 112.5 | 102.1 | 133.2 | 162.9 | 102.8 | 102.8 | 93.4 | 102.8 | 122.1 |
| October, 1937 | 116.9 | 123.1 | 100.3 | 142.8 | 159.5 | 112.5 | 107.1 | 111.9 | 107.1 | 121.5 |
| October, 1938 | 114.8 | 117.3 | 107.6 | 119.0 | 102.4 | 90.8 | 90.2 | 84.6 | 90.2 | 104.5 |
| October, 1939 | 124.6 | 128.6 | 113.3 | 160.4 | 162.9 | 133.0 | 141.3 | 124.4 | 141.3 | 141.1 |
| 1938 - November | 111.6 | 114.9 | 102.7 | 110.1 | 108.7 | 87.1 | 93.7 | 76.6 | 93.7 | 100.3 |
| December | 106.6 | 109.7 | 98.6 | 82.7 | 80.4 | 64.9 | 70.0 | 63.7 | 70.0 | 60.8 |
| 1939 - January | 102.9 | 106.9 | 91.7 | 41.2 | 39.6 | 50.2 | 67.5 | 39.6 | 67.5 | 49.2 |
| February | 102.8 | 106.9 | 92.4 | 60.4 | 67.5 | 57.8 | 66.6 | 52.2 | 66.6 | 57.6 |
| March | 115.3 | 118.5 | 107.0 | 82.7 | 121.8 | 73.9 | 76.6 | 70.6 | 76.6 | 78.5 |
| April | 108.1 | 109.9 | 102.0 | 77.3 | 95.3 | 67.5 | 68.1 | 70.9 | 68.1 | 60.5 |
| May | 111.9 | 116.2 | 100.0 | 87.3 | 127.6 | 79.6 | 88.3 | 78.8 | 88.3 | 69.6 |
| June | 106.4 | 110.0 | 95.9 | 71.9 | 103.0 | 67.9 | 71.9 | 72.0 | 71.9 | 55.0 |
| July | 102.7 | 105.0 | 95.9 | 54.4 | 61.7 | 47.7 | 55.5 | 39.0 | 55.5 | 56.3 |
| August | 112.7 | 114.4 | 107.9 | 103.3 | 117.0 | 74.3 | 78.8 | 61.2 | 78.8 | 94.7 |
| September | 137.7 | 145.8 | 115.9 | 159.5 | 160.3 | 139.8 | 150.1 | 139.7 | 150.1 | 127.4 |
| October | 124.6 | 128.6 | 113.3 | 160.4 | 162.9 | 133.0 | 141.3 | 124.4 | 141.3 | 141.1 |

| Year and Month | GROCERIES | | | | | | FRUITS AND VEGETABLES | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| October, 1936 | 115.4 | 116.4 | 115.3 | 108.2 | 133.2 | 103.5 | 83.0 | 70.7 | 80.0 | 91.0 |
| October, 1937 | 117.5 | 126.9 | 119.2 | 111.6 | 125.9 | 114.4 | 88.9 | 88.5 | 91.8 | 89.4 |
| October, 1938 | 107.3 | 118.8 | 106.4 | 99.2 | 119.9 | 101.5 | 81.5 | 78.3 | 83.4 | 83.2 |
| October, 1939 | 126.7 | 139.2 | 116.9 | 113.9 | 147.6 | 125.3 | 87.9 | 71.2 | 89.7 | 92.7 |
| 1938 - November | 106.2 | 116.7 | 105.3 | 102.7 | 115.4 | 98.3 | 78.0 | 75.2 | 82.0 | 76.4 |
| December | 98.8 | 112.2 | 78.3 | 99.7 | 106.1 | 108.3 | 93.0 | 90.8 | 103.5 | 83.9 |
| 1939 - January | 82.7 | 87.0 | 53.3 | 83.1 | 95.5 | 94.8 | 67.5 | 67.8 | 81.5 | 52.4 |
| February | 83.1 | 86.6 | 62.3 | 83.1 | 93.4 | 91.5 | 69.5 | 88.9 | 82.6 | 49.2 |
| March | 97.6 | 104.0 | 75.6 | 94.7 | 110.0 | 108.9 | 88.1 | 101.2 | 105.8 | 65.1 |
| April | 95.3 | 98.2 | 72.0 | 95.2 | 106.6 | 105.3 | 94.7 | 98.8 | 116.2 | 68.7 |
| May | 108.1 | 124.2 | 95.9 | 105.7 | 115.0 | 114.4 | 114.9 | 127.8 | 134.6 | 87.9 |
| June | 112.3 | 119.2 | 84.8 | 118.7 | 120.0 | 121.0 | 112.7 | 139.0 | 127.4 | 88.0 |
| July | 112.3 | 123.4 | 84.5 | 110.2 | 127.6 | 122.6 | 98.2 | 84.3 | 108.2 | 97.0 |
| August | 120.0 | 129.5 | 89.1 | 112.8 | 149.0 | 118.3 | 95.8 | 66.7 | 94.9 | 110.9 |
| September | 164.9 | 179.8 | 137.4 | 158.3 | 187.3 | 171.9 | 114.0 | 116.7 | 102.0 | 119.2 |
| October | 126.7 | 139.2 | 116.9 | 113.9 | 147.6 | 125.3 | 87.9 | 71.2 | 89.7 | 92.7 |

| Year and Month | HARDWARE | | | | | TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY | | | |
|-----------------------|----------|-----------|--------|---------|-------------------|---------------------------|--------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces | CANADA | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| October, 1936 | 110.8 | 95.0 | 103.6 | 98.0 | 125.4 | 93.7 | 83.9 | 97.4 | 97.3 |
| October, 1937 | 111.4 | 103.0 | 116.3 | 104.1 | 117.9 | 101.2 | 95.2 | 106.2 | 97.1 |
| October, 1938 | 104.8 | 82.0 | 104.8 | 92.9 | 116.8 | 104.2 | 101.3 | 105.2 | 99.8 |
| October, 1939 | 128.2 | 108.2 | 136.7 | 115.9 | 138.2 | 113.3 | 118.1 | 106.5 | 105.6 |
| 1938 - November | 99.5 | 77.9 | 101.9 | 90.1 | 108.7 | 104.3 | 101.8 | 104.5 | 103.3 |
| December | 81.4 | 56.7 | 85.2 | 81.7 | 86.4 | 113.7 | 114.3 | 115.0 | 109.0 |
| 1939 - January | 59.8 | 48.0 | 64.3 | 60.7 | 61.6 | 88.2 | 98.0 | 82.5 | 77.4 |
| February | 60.7 | 37.4 | 59.4 | 53.4 | 68.4 | 87.7 | 97.3 | 84.4 | 75.9 |
| March | 84.3 | 62.8 | 79.1 | 73.4 | 95.3 | 98.3 | 104.5 | 97.0 | 87.7 |
| April | 91.4 | 77.3 | 78.5 | 81.2 | 106.4 | 101.2 | 113.0 | 97.2 | 85.7 |
| May | 111.6 | 98.9 | 117.9 | 107.3 | 117.1 | 121.4 | 138.7 | 117.6 | 99.7 |
| June | 105.0 | 90.1 | 113.8 | 104.4 | 108.0 | 120.5 | 141.3 | 116.8 | 96.7 |
| July | 95.2 | 86.3 | 98.3 | 79.9 | 104.4 | 109.5 | 117.2 | 107.4 | 94.3 |
| August | 105.1 | 85.4 | 98.0 | 80.2 | 122.9 | 115.9 | 120.2 | 118.4 | 101.9 |
| September | 147.8 | 123.8 | 165.5 | 142.8 | 153.0 | 127.5 | 121.6 | 135.3 | 120.4 |
| October | 128.2 | 108.2 | 136.7 | 115.9 | 138.2 | 113.3 | 118.1 | 106.5 | 105.6 |

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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, NOVEMBER, 1939
(Average Monthly Sales, 1930 = 100)

Dollar value of wholesale trading in Canada decreased substantially in November from the October level but was still 8 per cent higher than the level of November of last year, according to returns secured from 200 of the larger wholesale houses operating in nine different lines of trade throughout the Dominion. Thus, for the fifth consecutive month wholesale sales in 1939 were in excess of the dollar volume of trade transacted by wholesalers in the corresponding months of 1938. In the October comparison gain of 20 per cent was recorded over 1938 while in September the phenomenal increase of 33 per cent was noted. The general index of wholesale sales on the base 1930 = 100, stands at 102.7 for November, 117.5 for October, 141.9 for September, and 94.7 for November of last year. Cumulative figures for the first 11 months of 1939 stand 7 per cent higher than for the corresponding period of 1938.

Aggregate figures for all trades combined indicate that increases in November were somewhat lower in Quebec and Ontario than in other sections of the country. The Maritimes had the largest gain with sales up 15 per cent over November a year ago. British Columbia and the Prairie Provinces both showed 10 per cent increases while Quebec and Ontario had gains of 9 and 4 per cent respectively. In the corresponding-month comparison for October the increases ranged around 20 per cent for all economic divisions.

Every line of business included in the survey revealed increased sales in November over November last year; increases ranged from a 3 per cent gain in the grocery trade to 25 per cent in the dry goods trade. Clothing trade sales improved 21 per cent; hardware trade, 16 per cent; footwear, 12 per cent; and the automotive equipment trade, 10 per cent. In the drug, fruit and vegetable, and tobacco and confectionery trades increases of between 5 and 10 per cent were registered. The 3 per cent improvement in sales of wholesale grocers in Canada was the result of mixed trends in the five economic divisions of the country. Sales of wholesale grocery firms in British Columbia in November were 11 per cent over the November level a year ago. In the Prairies wholesale grocers' sales increased 8 per cent and in the Maritimes, 7 per cent. In Quebec a slight decrease was registered and in Ontario wholesale grocers' sales were down 5 per cent. Results on a regional basis for all other lines of trade reveal improvements in every section of the Dominion.

Comparisons of wholesalers' inventories at the end of November reveal widely varied trends for the different lines of business. The value of stocks on hand in the grocery trade was 30 per cent higher at the end of November, 1939, than on the corresponding date year ago. Stocks of hardware merchants were up 19 per cent; fruit and vegetable stocks were up 6 per cent while in the drug trade an improvement of 4 per cent was recorded. Stocks in the footwear trade were down 18 per cent from the inventory date of November a year ago, tobacco and confectionery wholesalers reported stock values decreased 10 per cent, dry goods trade stocks were down 5 per cent and automotive equipment stocks, 2 per cent. Aggregate inventories for all trades included in the survey were 14 per cent higher on November 30th than on the corresponding date of 1938.

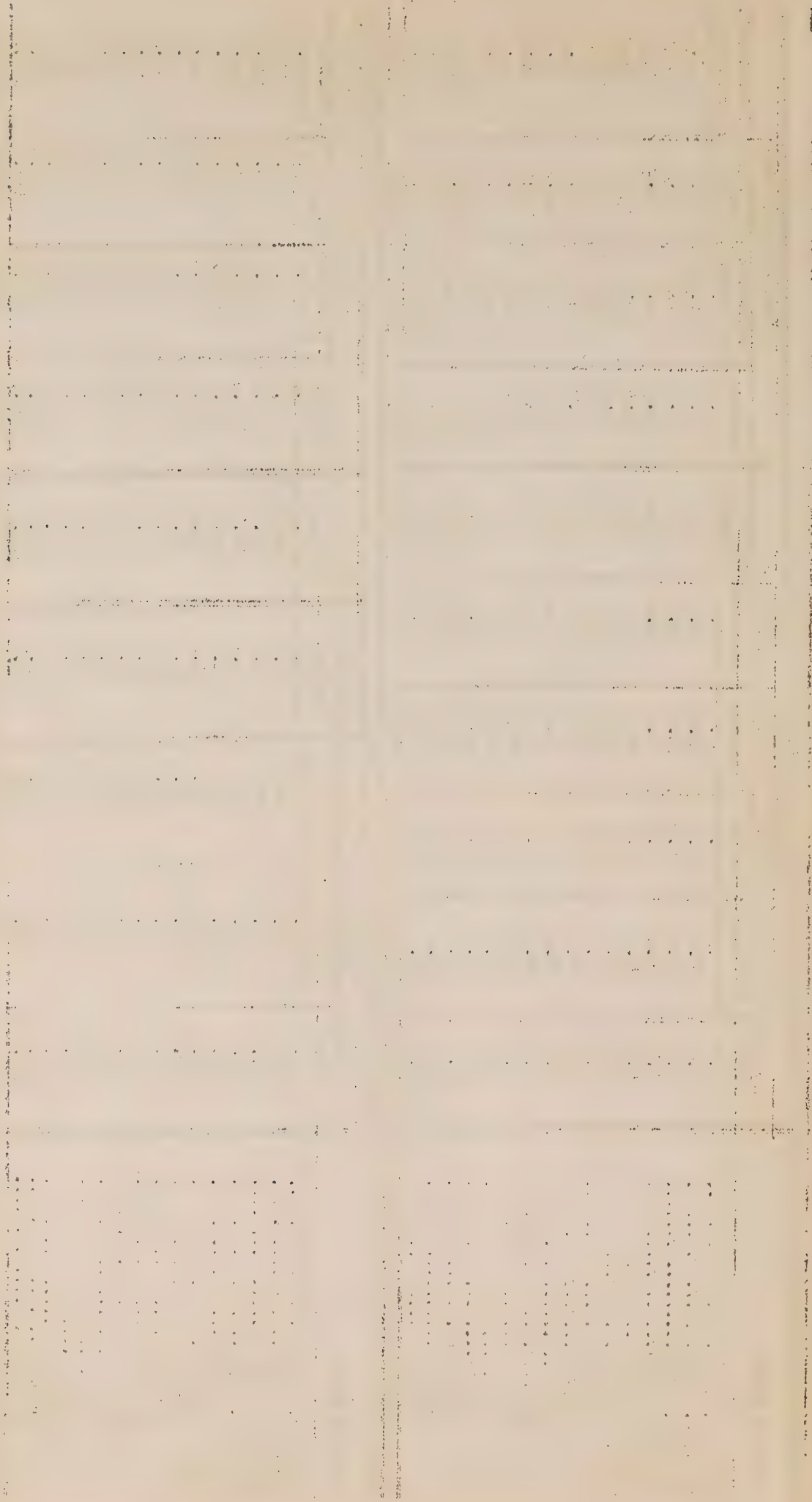
Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

| | Percentage Change, 1939, Compared with 1938 | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|--|-----------|
| | S A L E S | | | INVENTORY |
| | (1) Oct., 1939 Oct., 1938 | (2) Nov., 1939 Nov., 1938 | First 11 months, 1939 First 11 months, 1938 | |
| Automotive Equipment | + 10.2 | + 9.9 | + 4.9 | - 2.3 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 6.8 | + 12.0 | | |
| Ontario | + 10.4 | + 8.9 | | |
| Western Provinces | + 11.2 | + 9.6 | | |
| Books | + 8.3 | + 6.4 | + 6.9 | + 3.6 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .. | + 9.3 | + 5.9 | | |
| Western Provinces | + 5.3 | + 8.2 | | |
| Clothing | + 38.2 | + 21.4 | + 10.4 | (x) |
| Quebec | + 36.1 | + 25.3 | | |
| Ontario and Western Provinces .. | + 40.3 | + 16.8 | | |
| Footwear | + 59.1 | + 11.8 | + 16.8 | - 17.9 |
| Quebec | + 47.6 | + 4.7 | | |
| Ontario | + 79.2 | + 26.3 | | |
| Dry Goods | + 45.6 | + 24.6 | + 9.7 | - 5.3 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 46.2 | + 36.8 | | |
| Ontario | + 54.1 | + 23.0 | | |
| Western Provinces | + 35.0 | + 7.8 | | |
| Fruits and Vegetables | + 7.8 | + 6.3 | + 4.2 | + 6.3 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | - 9.1 | + 10.3 | | |
| Ontario | + 7.5 | + 1.6 | | |
| Western Provinces | + 11.4 | + 8.6 | | |
| Meat Series | + 18.1 | + 3.1 | + 7.8 | + 29.8 |
| Maritimes | + 17.2 | + 7.4 | | |
| Quebec | + 9.9 | - 0.7 | | |
| Ontario | + 14.8 | - 5.2 | | |
| Fairies | + 23.0 | + 8.4 | | |
| British Columbia | + 23.4 | + 11.0 | | |
| Hardware | + 22.3 | + 15.9 | + 6.0 | + 18.8 |
| Maritimes | + 31.9 | + 27.1 | | |
| Quebec | + 30.4 | + 8.6 | | |
| Ontario | + 24.8 | + 13.6 | | |
| Western Provinces | + 18.3 | + 17.9 | | |
| Chocolate and Confectionery | + 8.7 | + 5.8 | + 6.0 | - 10.4 |
| Quebec | + 16.6 | + 4.1 | | |
| Ontario | + 1.2 | + 8.8 | | |
| Western Provinces | + 5.8 | + 4.8 | | |
| Retail Trade - | | | | |
| Maritimes | + 20.2 | + 14.7 | | |
| Quebec | + 21.0 | + 9.1 | | |
| Ontario | + 20.5 | + 4.1 | | |
| Fairies | + 18.7 | + 10.2 | | |
| British Columbia | + 21.1 | + 10.3 | | |
| CANADA | + 20.1 | + 8.4 | + 7.2 | + 13.8 |

) Revised
) Preliminary
) Not available.

| Year and Month | WHOLESALE TRADE | | | | | | AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| November, 1936 | 90.2 | 98.2 | 93.5 | 88.5 | 82.1 | 98.2 | 110.9 | 89.6 | 119.3 | 116.8 |
| November, 1937 | 96.6 | 108.0 | 98.9 | 94.9 | 88.6 | 104.2 | 104.9 | 88.0 | 114.9 | 107.7 |
| November, 1938 | 94.7 | 101.5 | 96.8 | 94.8 | 88.2 | 96.4 | 112.5 | 90.2 | 120.5 | 118.9 |
| November, 1939 | 102.7 | 116.4 | 105.6 | 98.7 | 97.2 | 106.3 | 123.6 | 101.0 | 131.2 | 130.3 |
| 1938 - December | 86.7 | 94.9 | 82.1 | 91.7 | 76.1 | 99.5 | 81.6 | 75.8 | 89.7 | 87.5 |
| 1939 - January | 69.2 | 70.4 | 60.2 | 75.9 | 62.1 | 81.3 | 67.2 | 48.1 | 79.4 | 68.8 |
| February | 71.2 | 69.9 | 69.7 | 76.1 | 61.1 | 81.2 | 62.7 | 51.5 | 71.2 | 62.2 |
| March | 87.4 | 89.1 | 87.7 | 90.1 | 77.2 | 98.7 | 74.2 | 70.1 | 83.1 | 70.8 |
| April | 87.1 | 89.3 | 83.1 | 92.0 | 77.4 | 100.3 | 92.7 | 72.7 | 100.9 | 98.5 |
| May | 101.4 | 111.9 | 104.5 | 107.9 | 85.2 | 111.0 | 107.4 | 108.1 | 119.2 | 101.9 |
| June | 99.3 | 105.5 | 98.4 | 107.2 | 84.4 | 110.1 | 101.5 | 86.3 | 112.6 | 100.7 |
| July | 92.1 | 104.3 | 78.8 | 93.9 | 89.4 | 108.1 | 102.8 | 87.7 | 110.9 | 104.7 |
| August | 102.7 | 107.2 | 87.9 | 99.6 | 110.2 | 109.0 | 124.6 | 89.4 | 115.7 | 118.6 |
| September | 111.9 | 155.2 | 112.3 | 110.7 | 134.9 | 116.2 | 181.2 | 135.5 | 166.0 | 215.0 |
| October | 117.5 | 126.3 | 122.0 | 112.9 | 112.9 | 119.9 | 155.1 | 123.6 | 138.1 | 182.5 |
| November | 102.7 | 116.4 | 105.6 | 98.7 | 97.2 | 106.3 | 123.6 | 101.0 | 131.2 | 130.3 |

| Year and Month | DRUGS | | | | CLOTHING | | FOOTWEAR | DRY GOODS | | | |
|-----------------|--------|-----------------------|-------------------|--|----------|--|----------|-----------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes Que. & Ont. | Western Provinces | | CANADA | | CANADA | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| November, 1936 | 104.4 | 106.5 | 98.5 | | 111.2 | | 109.9 | 87.2 | 80.4 | 89.5 | 98.3 |
| November, 1937 | 111.4 | 116.3 | 98.1 | | 110.9 | | 93.7 | 92.6 | 83.3 | 95.4 | 108.2 |
| November, 1938 | 111.6 | 114.9 | 102.7 | | 110.1 | | 108.7 | 87.1 | 76.6 | 93.7 | 100.3 |
| November, 1939 | 118.7 | 121.7 | 111.1 | | 133.7 | | 121.5 | 108.5 | 104.8 | 115.3 | 108.1 |
| 1938 - December | 106.6 | 109.7 | 98.6 | | 82.7 | | 80.4 | 64.9 | 63.7 | 70.0 | 60.8 |
| 1939 - January | 102.9 | 106.9 | 91.7 | | 11.2 | | 39.6 | 50.2 | 39.6 | 67.5 | 49.2 |
| February | 102.8 | 106.9 | 92.4 | | 60.4 | | 67.5 | 57.8 | 52.2 | 66.6 | 57.6 |
| March | 115.3 | 118.5 | 107.0 | | 82.7 | | 121.8 | 73.9 | 70.6 | 76.6 | 78.5 |
| April | 108.1 | 109.9 | 102.0 | | 77.3 | | 95.3 | 67.5 | 70.9 | 68.1 | 60.5 |
| May | 111.9 | 116.2 | 100.0 | | 87.3 | | 127.6 | 79.6 | 78.8 | 88.3 | 69.6 |
| June | 106.4 | 110.0 | 95.9 | | 71.9 | | 103.0 | 67.9 | 72.0 | 71.9 | 55.0 |
| July | 102.7 | 105.0 | 95.9 | | 54.4 | | 61.7 | 47.7 | 39.0 | 55.5 | 56.3 |
| August | 112.7 | 114.4 | 107.9 | | 103.3 | | 117.0 | 74.3 | 61.2 | 78.8 | 94.7 |
| September | 137.7 | 145.8 | 115.9 | | 159.5 | | 160.3 | 139.8 | 139.7 | 150.1 | 127.4 |
| October | 124.3 | 128.2 | 113.3 | | 164.2 | | 162.9 | 132.2 | 123.7 | 139.0 | 111.1 |
| November | 118.7 | 121.7 | 111.1 | | 133.7 | | 121.5 | 108.5 | 104.8 | 115.3 | 108.1 |



| Year and Month | GROCERIES | | | | | | FRUITS AND VEGETABLES | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| November, 1936 | 102.3 | 107.9 | 103.0 | 97.3 | 106.5 | 107.2 | 70.2 | 67.8 | 72.8 | 69.4 |
| November, 1937 | 111.8 | 124.3 | 113.2 | 103.2 | 119.0 | 114.2 | 79.9 | 74.8 | 85.0 | 78.4 |
| November, 1938 | 106.2 | 116.7 | 105.3 | 102.7 | 115.4 | 98.3 | 78.0 | 75.2 | 82.0 | 76.4 |
| November, 1939 | 109.5 | 125.3 | 104.6 | 97.4 | 125.1 | 109.1 | 82.9 | 82.9 | 83.3 | 83.0 |
| 1938 - December | 98.8 | 112.2 | 78.3 | 99.7 | 106.1 | 108.3 | 93.0 | 90.8 | 103.5 | 83.9 |
| 1939 - January | 82.7 | 87.0 | 53.3 | 83.1 | 95.5 | 94.8 | 67.5 | 67.8 | 81.5 | 52.4 |
| February | 83.1 | 86.6 | 62.3 | 83.1 | 93.4 | 91.5 | 69.5 | 88.9 | 82.6 | 49.2 |
| March | 97.6 | 104.0 | 75.6 | 94.7 | 110.0 | 108.9 | 88.1 | 101.2 | 105.8 | 65.1 |
| April | 95.3 | 98.2 | 72.0 | 95.2 | 106.6 | 105.3 | 94.7 | 98.8 | 116.2 | 68.7 |
| May | 108.1 | 124.2 | 95.9 | 105.7 | 115.0 | 114.4 | 114.9 | 127.8 | 134.6 | 87.9 |
| June | 112.3 | 119.2 | 84.8 | 118.7 | 120.0 | 121.0 | 112.7 | 139.0 | 127.4 | 88.0 |
| July | 112.3 | 123.4 | 84.5 | 110.2 | 127.6 | 122.6 | 98.2 | 84.3 | 108.2 | 97.0 |
| August | 120.0 | 129.5 | 89.1 | 112.8 | 149.0 | 118.3 | 95.8 | 66.7 | 94.9 | 110.9 |
| September | 164.9 | 179.8 | 137.4 | 158.3 | 187.3 | 171.9 | 114.0 | 116.7 | 102.0 | 119.2 |
| October | 126.7 | 139.2 | 116.9 | 113.9 | 147.5 | 125.3 | 87.9 | 71.22 | 89.7 | 92.7 |
| November | 109.5 | 125.3 | 104.6 | 97.4 | 125.1 | 109.1 | 82.9 | 82.9 | 83.3 | 83.0 |

| Year and Month | HARDWARE | | | | | | TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY | | | |
|-----------------------|----------|-----------|--------|---------|-------------------|--|---------------------------|--------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces | | CANADA | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| November, 1936 | 93.3 | 81.3 | 92.2 | 83.6 | 102.3 | | 91.8 | 89.4 | 89.2 | 94.7 |
| November, 1937 | 96.8 | 84.5 | 98.6 | 90.5 | 103.7 | | 99.1 | 93.2 | 103.4 | 99.0 |
| November, 1938 | 99.5 | 77.9 | 101.9 | 90.1 | 108.7 | | 104.3 | 101.8 | 104.5 | 103.3 |
| November, 1939 | 115.3 | 99.0 | 110.7 | 102.4 | 128.2 | | 110.3 | 106.0 | 113.7 | 108.3 |
| 1938 - December | 81.4 | 56.7 | 85.2 | 81.7 | 86.4 | | 113.7 | 114.3 | 115.0 | 109.0 |
| 1939 - January | 59.8 | 48.0 | 64.3 | 60.7 | 61.6 | | 88.2 | 98.0 | 82.5 | 77.4 |
| February | 60.7 | 37.4 | 59.4 | 53.4 | 68.4 | | 87.7 | 97.3 | 84.4 | 75.9 |
| March | 84.3 | 62.8 | 79.1 | 73.4 | 95.3 | | 98.3 | 104.5 | 97.0 | 87.7 |
| April | 91.4 | 77.3 | 78.5 | 81.2 | 106.4 | | 101.2 | 113.0 | 97.2 | 85.7 |
| May | 111.6 | 98.9 | 117.9 | 107.3 | 117.1 | | 121.4 | 138.7 | 117.6 | 99.7 |
| June | 105.0 | 90.1 | 113.8 | 104.4 | 108.0 | | 120.5 | 141.3 | 116.8 | 96.7 |
| July | 95.2 | 86.3 | 98.3 | 79.9 | 104.4 | | 109.5 | 117.2 | 107.4 | 94.3 |
| August | 105.1 | 85.4 | 98.0 | 80.2 | 122.9 | | 115.9 | 120.2 | 118.4 | 101.9 |
| September | 147.8 | 123.8 | 165.5 | 142.8 | 153.0 | | 127.5 | 121.6 | 135.3 | 120.4 |
| October | 128.2 | 108.2 | 136.7 | 115.9 | 138.2 | | 113.3 | 118.1 | 106.5 | 105.6 |
| November | 115.3 | 99.0 | 110.7 | 102.4 | 128.2 | | 110.3 | 106.0 | 113.7 | 108.3 |

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MONTHLY INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES IN CANADA, DECEMBER, 1939

(Average Monthly Sales, 1930 = 100)

Dollar value of wholesale sales in Canada in December was down 8 per cent from November but was still 9 per cent above the level of December, 1938, according to reports secured from 200 of the larger wholesale houses representing nine different lines of trade throughout Canada. The decline from November was in line with the usual seasonal movement for this time of year while the improvement of 9 per cent over December 1938 is identical with the gain recorded in the November comparison. Gains of 20 per cent and 33 per cent were registered respectively in October and September. The general index of wholesale sales on the base 1930 = 100 stands at 94.3 for December, 102.8 for November and 86.7 for December of 1938.

For the fourth consecutive month every kind of business included in the survey reported higher sales than in the corresponding month of the previous year. Percentage gains for the various kinds of business are as follows: footwear, 46 per cent; motive equipment, 23 per cent; hardware, 18 per cent; dry goods, 14 per cent; tobacco and confectionery, 11 per cent; clothing, 8 per cent; fruits and vegetables, 6 per cent; groceries, 5 per cent; and drugs, 3 per cent. The 5 per cent improvement in wholesale grocers' sales was the result of mixed trends in the five economic divisions of the country. In the Prairie Provinces the grocery trade was 9 per cent higher in December, 1939, than in December of 1938; in the Maritimes and in British Columbia, grocery sales were up 6 per cent while in Ontario and Quebec sales were practically unchanged.

Aggregate figures for all trades combined indicate that sales in December were somewhat lower in Ontario than in other sections of the Dominion. The Prairie Provinces had the largest gain with combined sales up 12 per cent over the December, 1938 level. The Maritime Provinces showed a gain of 10 per cent and British Columbia and Quebec, 9 per cent. In Ontario combined sales were 5 per cent up from December of 1938.

Comparison of wholesalers inventories at the end of December reveals widely varied trends for the different lines of business included in the survey. The level of stocks on hand in the grocery trade was 38 per cent higher at the end of December than on the corresponding date a year ago. Stocks of hardware merchants were up 25 per cent; fruit and vegetable stocks were up 18 per cent; drug stocks were up 10 per cent, while in the automotive, tobacco and confectionery and dry goods trades increases in inventory values were less than 5 per cent. Inventories in the clothing trade were down 10 per cent in December from December of 1938 and in the footwear trade stock values decreased 11 per cent. Aggregate inventories for all trades combined on December 31st were 10 per cent above the level of the corresponding date of the previous year.

Comparison of cumulative indexes for the 12 months of 1939 and 1938 reveals that in 1939 wholesale trade in Canada was 7 per cent higher than in the 12 months of 1938. Results on a regional basis indicate that the improvements varied but little for each section of the country, ranging from 7 per cent in the Prairie Provinces to 9 per cent in the Maritimes. Combined wholesale trade in British Columbia was 8 per cent greater in 1939 than in 1938 while in Ontario and Quebec the improvement was 7 per cent.

Each of the nine kinds of business showed increased sales in 1939 over 1938. The footwear trade showed the largest improvement with sales up 19 per cent over 1938; the clothing group was next with a gain of 11 per cent in the year-to-year comparison. Dry goods were up 10 per cent and groceries 8 per cent. The hardware, drug and tobacco and confectionery trades showed a 7 per cent improvement for the year while sales for the automotive and fruit and vegetable trades were up by 6 and 4 per cent respectively.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

| | Percentage Change, 1939, compared with 1938 | | | |
|----------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|---|-----------|
| | S A L E S | | | INVENTORY |
| | (1) Nov., 1939 Nov., 1938 | (2) Dec., 1939 Dec., 1938 | Calendar(2) year, 1939 Calendar year, 1938 | |
| Motive Equipment | + 9.2 | + 22.6 | + 6.0 | + 0.8 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 12.0 | + 13.3 | + 4.0 | |
| Ontario | + 6.8 | + 11.1 | + 3.9 | |
| Western Provinces | + 9.6 | + 34.5 | + 8.3 | |
| ys | + 6.3 | + 2.8 | + 6.6 | + 9.8 |
| Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .. | + 6.0 | + 2.3 | + 6.9 | |
| Western Provinces | + 7.2 | + 4.5 | + 5.4 | |
| chings | + 25.6 | + 7.8 | + 10.7 | - 22.8 |
| Quebec | + 25.3 | + 10.6 | (x) | |
| Ontario and Western Provinces .. | + 25.8 | + 5.5 | (x) | |
| wear | + 11.8 | + 46.2 | + 18.9 | - 10.9 |
| Quebec | + 4.7 | + 49.2 | (x) | |
| Ontario | + 26.3 | + 39.7 | (x) | |
| y Goods | + 24.6 | + 14.2 | + 9.9 | + 4.0 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 36.8 | + 21.7 | + 12.5 | |
| Ontario | + 23.0 | + 12.4 | + 11.4 | |
| Western Provinces | + 7.8 | + 0.2 | + 3.6 | |
| ts and Vegetables | + 6.3 | + 5.9 | + 4.2 | + 18.4 |
| Maritimes and Quebec | + 10.3 | - 1.5 | + 1.8 | |
| Ontario | + 1.6 | + 0.8 | + 4.9 | |
| Western Provinces | + 8.6 | + 11.0 | + 4.7 | |
| eries..... | + 3.1 | + 4.5 | + 7.5 | + 38.2 |
| Maritimes | + 7.4 | + 6.1 | + 8.0 | |
| Quebec | - 0.7 | - 0.1 | + 5.8 | |
| Ontario | - 5.2 | + 0.8 | + 6.2 | |
| airies | + 8.2 | + 8.7 | + 8.6 | |
| ritish Columbia | + 11.0 | + 6.3 | + 8.9 | |
| ware | + 15.5 | + 18.3 | + 6.9 | + 25.4 |
| Maritimes | + 27.1 | + 42.9 | + 9.3 | |
| Quebec | + 7.1 | + 4.4 | + 7.2 | |
| Ontario | + 13.6 | + 13.1 | + 6.7 | |
| Western Provinces | + 18.0 | + 22.4 | + 6.9 | |
| acco and Confectionery | + 6.0 | + 10.7 | + 6.5 | + 2.2 |
| Quebec | + 4.1 | + 12.4 | + 8.2 | |
| Ontario | + 8.8 | + 8.6 | + 4.3 | |
| Western Provinces | + 5.3 | + 10.5 | + 6.0 | |
| Wholesale Trade - | | | | |
| Maritimes | + 14.7 | + 10.1 | + 8.5 | |
| Quebec | + 8.9 | + 9.2 | + 7.4 | |
| Ontario | + 4.4 | + 4.7 | + 7.2 | |
| airies | + 10.0 | + 12.2 | + 6.9 | |
| ritish Columbia | + 11.7 | + 9.4 | + 8.1 | |
| CANADA | + 8.6 | + 8.8 | + 7.4 | + 21.2 |

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| Year and Month | WHOLESALE TRADE | | | | | AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT | | | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|----------------------|--------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| December, 1937 | 86.9 | 97.3 | 85.7 | 92.3 | 74.2 | 96.2 | 85.2 | 92.7 | 101.5 | 80.9 |
| December, 1938 | 86.7 | 94.9 | 82.1 | 91.7 | 76.1 | 99.5 | 81.6 | 75.8 | 89.7 | 87.5 |
| December, 1939 | 94.3 | 104.5 | 89.7 | 96.0 | 85.4 | 108.9 | 100.0 | 85.9 | 99.7 | 117.7 |
| 1939 - January | 69.2 | 70.4 | 60.2 | 75.9 | 62.1 | 81.3 | 67.2 | 48.1 | 79.4 | 68.8 |
| February | 71.2 | 69.9 | 69.7 | 76.1 | 61.1 | 81.2 | 62.7 | 51.5 | 71.2 | 62.2 |
| March | 87.4 | 89.1 | 87.7 | 90.1 | 77.2 | 98.7 | 74.2 | 70.1 | 83.1 | 70.8 |
| April | 87.1 | 89.3 | 83.1 | 92.0 | 77.4 | 100.3 | 92.7 | 72.7 | 100.9 | 98.5 |
| May | 101.4 | 111.9 | 104.5 | 107.9 | 85.2 | 111.0 | 107.4 | 108.1 | 119.2 | 101.9 |
| June | 99.3 | 105.5 | 98.4 | 107.2 | 84.4 | 110.1 | 101.5 | 86.3 | 112.6 | 100.7 |
| July | 92.1 | 104.3 | 78.8 | 93.9 | 89.4 | 108.1 | 102.8 | 87.7 | 110.9 | 104.7 |
| August | 102.7 | 107.2 | 87.9 | 99.6 | 110.2 | 109.0 | 124.6 | 89.4 | 115.7 | 148.6 |
| September | 141.9 | 155.2 | 142.3 | 140.7 | 134.9 | 146.2 | 181.2 | 135.5 | 166.0 | 215.0 |
| October | 117.7 | 126.3 | 122.8 | 112.9 | 112.9 | 119.9 | 155.1 | 123.6 | 138.1 | 182.5 |
| November | 102.8 | 116.4 | 105.4 | 99.0 | 97.0 | 107.7 | 122.9 | 101.0 | 128.7 | 130.3 |
| December | 94.3 | 104.5 | 89.7 | 96.0 | 85.4 | 108.9 | 100.0 | 85.9 | 99.7 | 117.7 |
| Yearly Average | 97.3 | 104.2 | 94.2 | 99.3 | 89.8 | 106.9 | 107.7 | 88.3 | 110.5 | 116.8 |

| Year and Month | DRUGS | | | CLOTHING | | | FOOTWEAR | | | DRY GOODS | | |
|-----------------|--------|-----------|-------|-------------------|--------|--------|----------|-----------|-------|-----------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | | Western Provinces | CANADA | CANADA | CANADA | Maritimes | | CANADA | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| | | Que. | Ont. | | | | | & Quebec | | | | |
| December, 1937 | 104.4 | 110.3 | 89.1 | 84.0 | 96.8 | 66.8 | 64.5 | 73.5 | 62.6 | | | |
| December, 1938 | 106.6 | 109.7 | 98.6 | 82.7 | 80.4 | 64.9 | 63.7 | 70.0 | 60.8 | | | |
| December, 1939 | 109.6 | 112.2 | 103.0 | 89.2 | 117.5 | 74.1 | 77.5 | 78.7 | 60.9 | | | |
| 1939 .. January | 102.9 | 106.9 | 91.7 | 41.2 | 39.6 | 50.2 | 39.6 | 67.5 | 49.2 | | | |
| February | 102.8 | 106.9 | 92.4 | 60.4 | 67.5 | 57.8 | 52.2 | 66.6 | 57.6 | | | |
| March | 115.3 | 118.5 | 107.0 | 82.7 | 121.8 | 73.9 | 70.6 | 76.6 | 78.5 | | | |
| April | 108.1 | 109.9 | 102.0 | 77.3 | 95.3 | 67.5 | 70.9 | 68.1 | 60.5 | | | |
| May | 111.9 | 116.2 | 100.0 | 87.3 | 127.6 | 79.6 | 78.8 | 88.3 | 69.6 | | | |
| June | 106.4 | 110.0 | 95.9 | 71.9 | 103.0 | 67.9 | 72.0 | 71.9 | 55.0 | | | |
| July | 102.7 | 105.0 | 95.9 | 54.4 | 61.7 | 47.7 | 39.0 | 55.5 | 56.3 | | | |
| August | 112.7 | 114.4 | 107.9 | 103.3 | 117.0 | 74.3 | 61.2 | 78.8 | 94.7 | | | |
| September | 137.7 | 145.8 | 115.9 | 159.5 | 160.3 | 139.8 | 139.7 | 150.1 | 127.4 | | | |
| October | 124.3 | 128.2 | 113.3 | 164.5 | 162.9 | 132.2 | 123.7 | 139.0 | 141.1 | | | |
| November | 118.6 | 121.8 | 110.0 | 138.3 | 121.5 | 108.5 | 104.8 | 115.3 | 108.1 | | | |
| December | 109.6 | 112.2 | 103.0 | 89.2 | 117.5 | 74.1 | 77.5 | 78.7 | 60.9 | | | |
| Yearly Average | 112.8 | 116.3 | 102.9 | 94.2 | 108.0 | 81.1 | 77.5 | 88.0 | 79.9 | | | |

| Year and Month | GROCERIES | | | | | | FRUITS AND VEGETABLES | | | |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|---------|----------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | CANADA | Maritimes & Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| December, 1937 | 99.7 | 114.7 | 86.1 | 100.7 | 107.8 | 98.6 | 87.1 | 88.6 | 97.8 | 76.7 |
| December, 1938 | 98.8 | 112.2 | 78.3 | 99.7 | 106.1 | 108.3 | 93.0 | 90.8 | 103.5 | 83.9 |
| December, 1939 | 103.2 | 119.0 | 78.2 | 100.5 | 115.3 | 115.1 | 98.5 | 89.4 | 104.3 | 93.1 |
| 1939 - January | 82.7 | 87.0 | 53.3 | 83.1 | 95.5 | 94.8 | 67.5 | 67.8 | 81.5 | 52.4 |
| February | 83.1 | 86.6 | 62.3 | 83.1 | 93.4 | 91.5 | 69.5 | 88.9 | 82.6 | 49.2 |
| March | 97.6 | 104.0 | 75.6 | 94.7 | 110.0 | 108.9 | 88.1 | 101.2 | 105.8 | 65.1 |
| April | 95.3 | 98.2 | 72.0 | 95.2 | 106.6 | 105.3 | 94.7 | 98.8 | 116.2 | 68.7 |
| May | 108.1 | 124.2 | 95.9 | 105.7 | 115.0 | 114.4 | 114.9 | 127.8 | 134.6 | 87.9 |
| June | 112.3 | 119.2 | 84.8 | 118.7 | 120.0 | 121.0 | 112.7 | 139.0 | 127.4 | 88.0 |
| July | 112.3 | 123.4 | 84.5 | 110.2 | 127.6 | 122.6 | 98.2 | 84.3 | 108.2 | 97.0 |
| August | 120.0 | 129.5 | 89.1 | 112.8 | 149.0 | 118.3 | 95.8 | 66.7 | 94.9 | 110.9 |
| September | 164.9 | 179.8 | 137.4 | 158.3 | 187.3 | 171.9 | 114.0 | 116.7 | 102.0 | 119.2 |
| October | 126.7 | 139.2 | 116.9 | 113.9 | 147.5 | 125.3 | 87.9 | 71.2 | 89.7 | 92.7 |
| November | 109.5 | 125.3 | 104.6 | 97.4 | 124.9 | 109.1 | 82.9 | 82.9 | 83.3 | 83.0 |
| December | 103.2 | 119.0 | 78.2 | 100.5 | 115.3 | 115.1 | 98.5 | 89.4 | 104.3 | 93.1 |
| Yearly Average | 109.6 | 119.6 | 87.2 | 106.1 | 124.3 | 116.5 | 93.7 | 94.6 | 102.5 | 83.9 |

| Year and Month | CANDY | | | | | | TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY | | | |
|----------------------|--------|-----------|--------|---------|-------------------|--------|---------------------------|---------|-------------------|--|
| | CANADA | Maritimes | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces | CANADA | Quebec | Ontario | Western Provinces | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| December, 1937 | 83.1 | 64.7 | 85.9 | 85.3 | 87.2 | 110.3 | 103.0 | 115.0 | 106.1 | |
| December, 1938 | 81.4 | 56.7 | 85.2 | 81.7 | 86.4 | 113.7 | 114.3 | 115.0 | 109.0 | |
| December, 1939 | 96.3 | 81.0 | 88.9 | 92.4 | 105.8 | 125.9 | 128.5 | 124.9 | 120.4 | |
| 1939 - January | 59.8 | 48.0 | 64.3 | 60.7 | 61.6 | 88.2 | 98.0 | 82.5 | 77.4 | |
| February | 60.7 | 37.4 | 59.4 | 53.4 | 68.4 | 87.7 | 97.3 | 84.4 | 75.9 | |
| March | 84.3 | 62.8 | 79.1 | 73.4 | 95.3 | 98.3 | 104.5 | 97.0 | 87.7 | |
| April | 91.4 | 77.3 | 78.5 | 81.2 | 106.4 | 101.2 | 113.0 | 97.2 | 85.7 | |
| May | 111.6 | 98.9 | 117.9 | 107.3 | 117.1 | 121.4 | 138.7 | 117.6 | 99.7 | |
| June | 105.0 | 90.1 | 113.8 | 104.4 | 108.0 | 120.5 | 144.3 | 116.8 | 96.7 | |
| July | 95.2 | 86.3 | 98.3 | 79.9 | 104.4 | 109.5 | 117.2 | 107.4 | 94.3 | |
| August | 105.1 | 85.4 | 98.0 | 80.2 | 122.9 | 115.9 | 120.2 | 118.4 | 101.9 | |
| September | 147.8 | 123.8 | 165.5 | 142.8 | 153.0 | 127.5 | 121.6 | 135.3 | 120.4 | |
| October | 129.4 | 108.2 | 140.4 | 115.9 | 138.2 | 113.3 | 118.1 | 106.5 | 105.6 | |
| November | 114.9 | 99.0 | 109.1 | 102.4 | 128.3 | 110.6 | 106.0 | 113.7 | 108.8 | |
| December | 96.3 | 81.0 | 88.9 | 92.4 | 105.8 | 125.9 | 128.5 | 124.9 | 120.4 | |
| Yearly Average | 100.1 | 83.2 | 101.1 | 91.2 | 109.1 | 110.0 | 117.0 | 108.5 | 97.9 | |

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